WHAT TO GROW IN

Klipkraal

Theewaterskloof, Overberg, Western Cape · Western Cape (Winter Rain)

-34.0901, 19.1977 · 238 m above sea level

> Western Cape (Winter Rain) climate: most rain falls in winter, so summer crops need irrigation (about 919 mm a year). Frost is rare or absent, so tender plants can grow year-round. Soils here are typically slightly acidic (pH 6.3) and sandy loam.

At a glance

RAINFALL
919 mm
Winter rainfall

AVERAGE
16.5 °C
Mediterranean (warm summer)

FROST
Frost-free
tender plants all year

SOIL
pH 6.3
Sandy loam

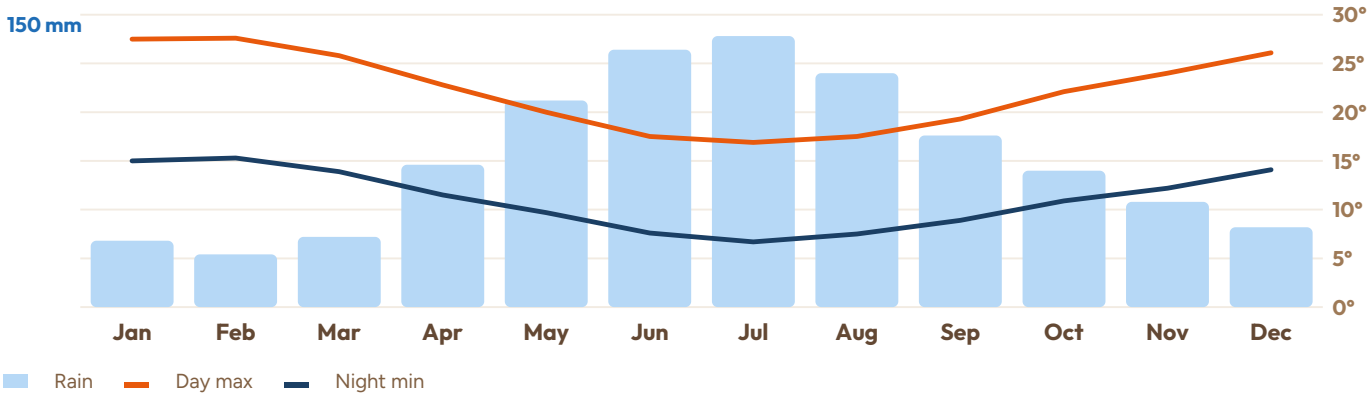
GROWING ZONE
Western Cape (Winter Rain)
Köppen Csb

SUMMER / WINTER
27.6° / 6.7°
summer days / winter nights

WINTER CHILL
47 portions
High

HARDINESS ZONE
10b
coldest night about 1.8 °C

Climate through the year



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day max (°C)	27.5	27.6	25.8	22.8	20	17.5	16.9	17.5	19.3	22.1	24	26.1
Night min (°C)	15	15.3	13.9	11.5	9.7	7.6	6.7	7.5	8.9	10.9	12.2	14.1
Average (°C)	21.1	21	19.2	16.5	14.5	12.4	11.7	12.5	14.2	16.6	18.2	20.1
Rain (mm)	34	27	36	73	106	132	139	120	88	70	54	41
Humidity (%)	58	58	59	60	61	61	61	62	62	60	59	58
Frost chance	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Frost & chill

Frost	**Rare or absent**
Typical coldest night	**1.8 °C**
Hardiness zone	**10b**
Winter chill	**47 portions · 762 units**

High - suits apples, pears and cherries

Soil & terrain

pH (water)	**6.3 · Slightly acidic**
Texture	**Sandy loam**
Organic matter	**High**
Drainage	**Well**
Water held (top 60 cm)	**55 mm**
Soil group	**Luvisols**
Elevation	**238 m**
Slope	**5.9°**

Light and easy to dig; drains well. Great for root crops - add compost.

Modelled typical soil for this ~1 km² area (SoilGrids). Your own garden can differ - a simple soil test is always worth it.

What to plant, season by season

Every crop FarmBoss rates Excellent, Good or With care for this spot, listed under the months to plant it out or sow it in place. Seedlings are sown in trays a few weeks earlier (shown in brackets). Effort runs from 1 (very easy) to 5 (expert).

Any time of year · all year 3 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays All year)	All year	
Herbs					
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	All year	
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	

Spring · Sep–Nov 86 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Aug)	Sep–Oct	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Lettuce	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Oct)	Sep–Nov	
Parsnip	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Turnip	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Sep–Oct)	Oct–Nov	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Muskmelon (spanspek)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Sep)	Oct	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Sep)	Nov	
Sweet potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Oct–Nov	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Good	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Sep)	Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Watermelon	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Okra	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Herbs					
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Parsley	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Sep–Oct)	Oct–Nov	
Lavender	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Rose geranium	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Thyme	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Sage	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Coriander (dhania)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; tea prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.
Lemongrass	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for lemongrass

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Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Lemon	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	
Naartjie	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Olive	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Orange (citrus)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	
Lime	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	
Avocado	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for avocado
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	About 919 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Macadamia	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	About 919 mm of rain a year; macadamia needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regul...
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Summers here average about 20.7 °C; pecan needs about 22.5 °C or more in the warmest month...
Grapefruit	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for grapefruit
Guava	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for guava
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Sep)	Sep–Nov	
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 4.2-5.2 that blueberry needs. Grow it in a rais...
Granadilla (passion fruit)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	About 919 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl...
Field Crops					
Sunflower	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant tubers	Sep	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Mung bean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Nov	
Pigeon pea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Maize	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Sorghum	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Pearl millet (babala)	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Groundnut (peanut)	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Kei apple	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Nov	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Nov	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Marama bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for marama bean
Buchu (round-leaf)	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Sep–Oct	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 3.5-4.5 that buchu (round-leaf) needs. Grow it…
Honeybush	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Sep–Oct	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 4.0-5.0 that honeybush needs. Grow it in a rais…
Mobola plum	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for mobola plum
Wild plum (umgwenya)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for wild plum (umgwenya)

Summer · Dec–Feb 77 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Broccoli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec–Jan)	Jan–Feb	
Cabbage	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov–Jan)	Dec–Feb	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Lettuce	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Cauliflower	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec–Jan)	Jan–Feb	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct–Nov)	Dec	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Muskmelon (spanspek)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	
Sweet potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Dec	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Good	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	Too cold for much of the growing period
Watermelon	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	Too cold for much of the growing period
Okra	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	Too cold for much of the growing period
Herbs					
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov–Dec)	Dec–Jan	
Lavender	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Rose geranium	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Dec–Feb	
Thyme	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Sage	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Coriander (dhania)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Dec–Feb	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; tea prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.
Lemongrass	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for lemongrass
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Lemon	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	
Naartjie	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Dec–Feb	
Olive	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Orange (citrus)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	
Lime	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	
Avocado	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for avocado
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	About 919 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Macadamia	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	About 919 mm of rain a year; macadamia needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regul…
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	Summers here average about 20.7 °C; pecan needs about 22.5 °C or more in the warmest month…
Grapefruit	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for grapefruit
Guava	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for guava
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 4.2-5.2 that blueberry needs. Grow it in a rais…
Granadilla (passion fruit)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	About 919 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl…
Field Crops					
Sunflower	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant tubers	Jan–Feb	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Mung bean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Maize	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Sorghum	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Pearl millet (babala)	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	Too cold for much of the growing period
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Kei apple	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov–Jan)	Dec–Feb	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	Too cold for much of the growing period
Marama bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for marama bean
Mobola plum	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for mobola plum
Wild plum (umgwenya)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for wild plum (umgwenya)

Autumn · Mar–May 64 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Broad bean	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Brussels sprouts	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Feb)	Mar	
Cabbage	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Garlic	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant bulbs or cloves	Mar–May	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Mar–Apr	
Leek	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar)	May	
Lettuce	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Parsnip	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Peas	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Turnip	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Cauliflower	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Mar–Apr	
English spinach	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; english spinach prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Globe artichoke	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant crowns	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; globe artichoke prefers 6.5-7.0. Add agricultural lime.
Herbs					
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Parsley	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Lavender	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Rose geranium	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Mar–May	
Thyme	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Sage	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Coriander (dhania)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; tea prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Lemongrass	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for lemongrass
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Lemon	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	
Naartjie	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Mar–May	
Olive	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Orange (citrus)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	
Lime	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	
Avocado	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for avocado
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	About 919 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Macadamia	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	About 919 mm of rain a year; macadamia needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regul...
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	Summers here average about 20.7 °C; pecan needs about 22.5 °C or more in the warmest month...
Grapefruit	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for grapefruit
Guava	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for guava
Berries & Vines					
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Apr)	Mar–May	
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 4.2-5.2 that blueberry needs. Grow it in a rais...
Granadilla (passion fruit)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	About 919 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl...
Field Crops					
Barley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Chickpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Wheat	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Oats	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Canola	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Indigenous & African Crops					
Kei apple	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	
Marama bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for marama bean
Mobola plum	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for mobola plum
Wild plum (umgwenya)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for wild plum (umgwenya)

Winter · Jun–Aug 69 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Broad bean	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Jun	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–Jun)	Jun–Aug	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Leek	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–May)	Jun–Jul	
Lettuce	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Onion	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–May)	Jun–Jul	
Parsnip	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Peas	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Turnip	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Asparagus	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Rhubarb	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Herbs					
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Parsley	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	

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Lavender	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Rose geranium	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun, Aug	
Thyme	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Sage	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Coriander (dhania)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Jun, Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; tea prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Apple	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Fig	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Lemon	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	
Naartjie	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	
Pear	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	
Plum	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun, Aug	
Apricot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Nectarine	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Olive	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Peach	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Orange (citrus)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	
Lime	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	
Cherry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	About 47 chill portions per winter; typical varieties need 55 or more - look for low-chill...
Avocado	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for avocado
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	About 919 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Macadamia	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	About 919 mm of rain a year; macadamia needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regul...
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	Summers here average about 20.7 °C; pecan needs about 22.5 °C or more in the warmest month...
Berries & Vines					
Raspberry	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	

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Table grape	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 4.2-5.2 that blueberry needs. Grow it in a rais...
Granadilla (passion fruit)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	About 919 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl...
Field Crops					
Barley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun	
Wheat	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun	
Potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant tubers	Jul–Aug	
Oats	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Canola	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun	
Indigenous & African Crops					
Kei apple	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	
Marama bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is on the cool side for marama bean
Buchu (round-leaf)	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 3.5-4.5 that buchu (round-leaf) needs. Grow it...
Honeybush	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.3, far above the 4.0-5.0 that honeybush needs. Grow it in a rais...
Rooibos	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Jul–Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.3; rooibos prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.
Mobola plum	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for mobola plum
Wild plum (umgwenya)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 16.5 °C is too cool for wild plum (umgwenya)

Not recommended here

Amadumbe (taro), Banana, Baobab, Black pepper, Cashew nut, Cassava, Coconut palm, Ginger, Litchi, Mango, Marula, Monkey orange, Pawpaw (papaya), Pineapple, Sugar cane.

About this report. FarmBoss models one area of about 1 km² around this point. Climate: CHELSA 1981–2010, corrected to TerraClimate 1991–2020. Soil: ISRIC SoilGrids. Terrain: Copernicus DEM. Crop requirements: South African Department of Agriculture production guidelines and other sources cited on each crop page. Your own garden can differ: microclimate, shade and soil vary over short distances, so a simple soil test is always worth it.

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