WHAT TO GROW IN

KwaMjiji

Umhlabuyalingana, uMkhanyakude, KwaZulu-Natal · Lowveld & Bushveld

-27.2500, 32.6500 · 37 m above sea level

> Lowveld & Bushveld climate: most rain falls in summer, with dry winters (about 910 mm a year). Frost is rare or absent, so tender plants can grow year-round. Soils here are typically slightly acidic (pH 6.0) and sandy loam.

At a glance

RAINFALL
910 mm
Summer rainfall

AVERAGE
22.6 °C
Tropical savanna (dry winter)

FROST
Frost-free
tender plants all year

SOIL
pH 6.1
Sandy loam

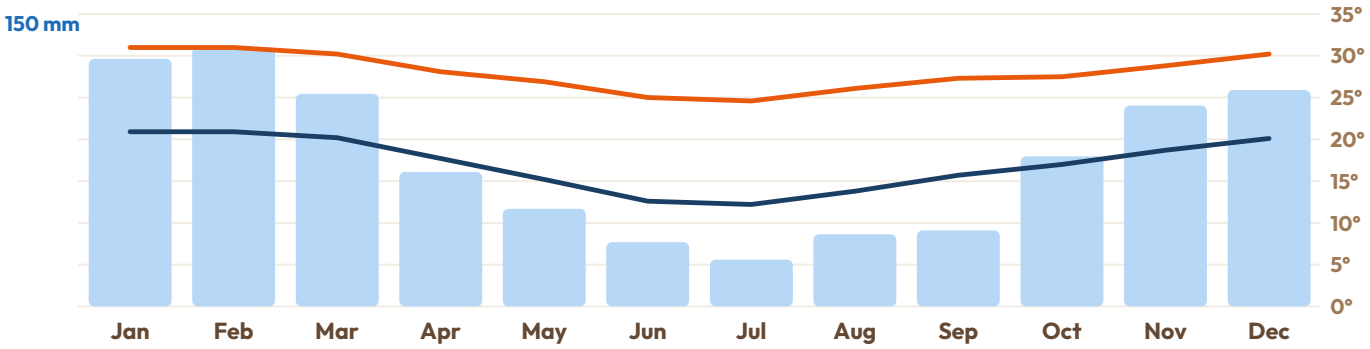
GROWING ZONE
Lowveld & Bushveld
Köppen Aw

SUMMER / WINTER
31° / 12.2°
summer days / winter nights

WINTER CHILL
0 portions
Very low

HARDINESS ZONE
11b
coldest night about 8.6 °C

Climate through the year



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day max (°C)	31	31	30.2	28.1	26.9	25	24.6	26.1	27.3	27.5	28.8	30.2
Night min (°C)	20.9	20.9	20.2	17.7	15.2	12.6	12.2	13.8	15.7	17	18.7	20.1
Average (°C)	26.1	26.2	25.3	22.9	20.9	18.6	18.4	19.9	21.5	22.3	23.9	25.2
Rain (mm)	127	133	109	69	50	33	24	37	39	77	103	111
Humidity (%)	62	62	62	62	61	59	59	59	60	61	61	62
Frost chance	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Frost & chill

Frost	**Rare or absent**
Typical coldest night	**8.6 °C**
Hardiness zone	**11b**
Winter chill	**0 portions · 0 units**

Very low - only tropical and low-chill fruit

Soil & terrain

pH (water)	**6.1 · Slightly acidic**
Texture	**Sandy loam**
Organic matter	**Medium**
Drainage	**Well**
Water held (top 60 cm)	**50 mm**
Soil group	**Arenosols**
Elevation	**37 m**
Slope	**4.3°**

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 31 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Herbs					
Lemongrass	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Oregano	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on oregano - choose resistant cultivars...
Black pepper	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant cuttings	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; black pepper needs roughly 2000 mm or more - plan to water re...
Fruit Trees					
Grapefruit	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on grapefruit - choose resistant cultiv...
Lemon	Good	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lemon - choose resistant cultivars,...
Lime	Good	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lime - choose resistant cultivars, p...
Mango	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on mango - choose resistant cultivars,...
Naartjie	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on naartjie - choose resistant cultivar...

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Orange (citrus)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on orange (citrus) - choose resistant c...
Pomegranate	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pomegranate - choose resistant culti...
Guava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; guava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Avocado	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; avocado needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular...
Banana	Good	2 · Easy	Plant suckers	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; banana needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Cashew nut	Good	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; cashew nut needs roughly 1500 mm or more - plan to water regu...
Coconut palm	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; coconut palm needs roughly 1240 mm or more - plan to water re...
Litchi	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; litchi needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Macadamia	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; macadamia needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regul...
Pawpaw (papaya)	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; pawpaw (papaya) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water...
Berries & Vines					
Granadilla (passion fruit)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	All year	About 910 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl...
Field Crops					
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	
Cassava	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	All year	
Indigenous & African Crops					
Kei apple	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Mobola plum	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	All year	
Monkey orange	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Wild plum (umgwenya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Baobab	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; baobab prefers 6.5-8.2. Add agricultural lime.
Marama bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	All year	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; marama bean prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.

Spring · Sep–Nov 45 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Oct)	Sep–Nov	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Sep)	Sep–Nov	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Sep)	Sep–Nov	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug)	Sep	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep	
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Ginger	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant tubers	Sep–Oct	
Chives	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on chives - choose resistant cultivars,...
Lemon balm	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lemon balm - choose resistant cultiv...
Rosemary	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rosemary - choose resistant cultivar...
Tea	With care	4 · Challenging	Plant cuttings	Sep	Average temperature of 22.6 °C is too hot for tea

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Lavender	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…
Rose geranium	With care	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Sage	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on sage - choose resistant cultivars, p…
Thyme	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Fruit Trees					
Pineapple	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	About 910 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Olive	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,…
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pecan - choose resistant cultivars,…
Field Crops					
Pearl millet (babala)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep	
Pigeon pea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Groundnut (peanut)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Mung bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Nov	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; mung bean prefers 6.3-7.2. Add agricultural lime.
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Marula	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Oct–Nov	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Nov	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug)	Sep	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	

Summer · Dec–Feb 30 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Dec–Feb	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct–Nov)	Dec	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Fruit Trees					
Pineapple	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec	
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Dec	About 910 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec)	Feb	
Field Crops					
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Pigeon pea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Mung bean	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; mung bean prefers 6.3-7.2. Add agricultural lime.

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Sugar cane	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant cuttings	Feb	About 910 mm of rain a year; sugar cane needs roughly 1100 mm or more - plan to water regu…
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Marula	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Amadumbe (taro)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Dec–Feb	

Autumn · Mar–May 73 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Broccoli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Cabbage	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Onion	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Apr)	Mar–May	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Cauliflower	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar)	Apr	
Garlic	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant bulbs or cloves	Apr–May	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Mar)	Mar–May	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Mar)	Mar–May	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar	
Parsnip	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr	
Broad bean	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	Too hot for much of the growing period
Leek	Good	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar)	May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; leek prefers 6.2-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Peas	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	May	Hot days above 25 °C will stress the plants
Turnip	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	May	Hot days above 25 °C will stress the plants
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Good	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; chinese cabbage (pak choi) prefers 6.5-7.2. Add agricultural...
Globe artichoke	With care	4 · Challenging	Plant crowns	Mar–May	Average temperature of 22.6 °C is too hot for globe artichoke
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	May	
Chives	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on chives - choose resistant cultivars,...
Lemon balm	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lemon balm - choose resistant cultiv...
Rosemary	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rosemary - choose resistant cultivar...
Coriander (dhania)	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Tea	With care	4 · Challenging	Plant cuttings	May	Average temperature of 22.6 °C is too hot for tea

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Lavender	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…
Rose geranium	With care	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Sage	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on sage - choose resistant cultivars, p…
Thyme	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	About 910 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Olive	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,…
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pecan - choose resistant cultivars,…
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Mar)	Mar–May	
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Field Crops					
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Chickpea	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Potato	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Apr–May	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	May	
Canola	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	Hot days above 27 °C will stress the plants
Barley	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	May	Too hot for much of the growing period
Oats	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	May	Too hot for much of the growing period
Sugar cane	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant cuttings	Mar–Apr	About 910 mm of rain a year; sugar cane needs roughly 1100 mm or more - plan to water regu…
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	

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Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Amadumbe (taro)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Mar–Apr	

Winter · Jun–Aug 70 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Jul–Aug	
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Broccoli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Cabbage	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jun)	Jun–Jul	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Muskmelon (spanspek)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–May)	Jun	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr)	Jun	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–Jun)	Jun–Aug	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Watermelon	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Leek	Good	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr)	Jun	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; leek prefers 6.2-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Asparagus	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on asparagus - choose resistant cultiva…
Turnip	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun	Hot days above 25 °C will stress the plants
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Good	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; chinese cabbage (pak choi) prefers 6.5-7.2. Add agricultural…
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Chives	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on chives - choose resistant cultivars,…
Lemon balm	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lemon balm - choose resistant cultiv…
Rosemary	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rosemary - choose resistant cultivar…
Coriander (dhania)	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Tea	With care	4 · Challenging	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	Average temperature of 22.6 °C is too hot for tea
Lavender	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…

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Rose geranium	With care	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Sage	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on sage - choose resistant cultivars, p…
Thyme	With care	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Fruit Trees					
Pineapple	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jul–Aug	
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	
Fig	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on fig - choose resistant cultivars, pr…
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	About 910 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Olive	With care	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,…
Pecan	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pecan - choose resistant cultivars,…
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–May)	Jun–Jul	
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr)	Jun	
Table grape	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on table grape - choose resistant culti…
Field Crops					
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Chickpea	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Potato	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Jun	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun	
Barley	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun	Too hot for much of the growing period
Oats	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun	Too hot for much of the growing period
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	

Not recommended here

Apple, Apricot, Blueberry, Brussels sprouts, Buchu (round-leaf), Cherry, English spinach, Honeybush, Nectarine, Peach, Pear, Persimmon (sharon fruit), Plum, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Rooibos, Wild rosemary (kapokbos).

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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