WHAT TO GROW IN

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Umhlabuyalingana, uMkhanyakude, KwaZulu-Natal · Lowveld & Bushveld

-27.5833, 32.5000 · 41 m above sea level

> Lowveld & Bushveld climate: most rain falls in summer, with dry winters (about 863 mm a year). Frost is rare or absent, so tender plants can grow year-round. Soils here are typically slightly acidic (pH 6.4) and sandy clay loam.

At a glance

RAINFALL
863 mm
Summer rainfall

AVERAGE
22.3 °C
Tropical savanna (dry winter)

FROST
Frost-free
tender plants all year

SOIL
pH 6.4
Sandy clay loam

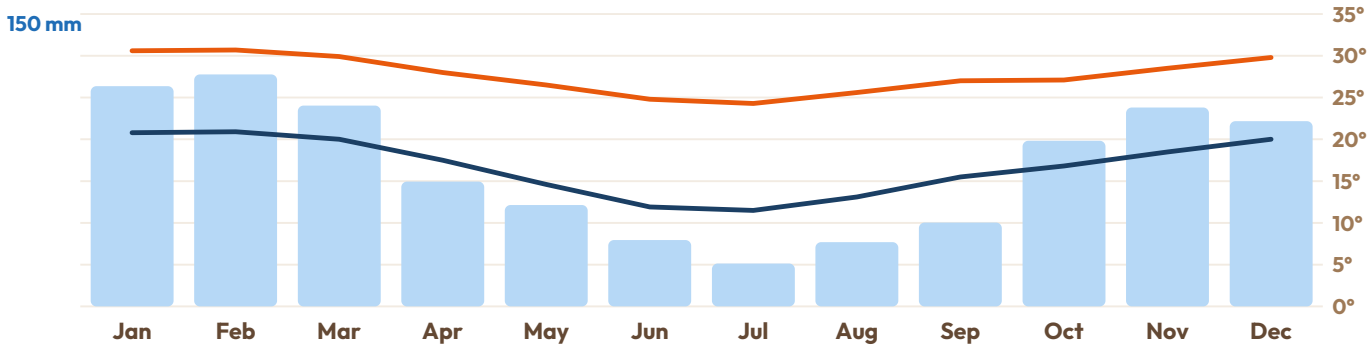
GROWING ZONE
Lowveld & Bushveld
Köppen Aw

SUMMER / WINTER
30.7° / 11.5°
summer days / winter nights

WINTER CHILL
0 portions
Very low

HARDINESS ZONE
11b
coldest night about 7.6 °C

Climate through the year



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day max (°C)	30.6	30.7	29.9	28	26.5	24.8	24.3	25.6	27	27.1	28.5	29.8
Night min (°C)	20.8	20.9	20	17.5	14.6	11.9	11.5	13.1	15.5	16.8	18.5	20
Average (°C)	25.9	25.9	25	22.7	20.4	18.2	17.8	19.3	21.2	22	23.5	25.1
Rain (mm)	113	119	103	64	52	34	22	33	43	85	102	95
Humidity (%)	61	62	61	61	60	58	58	58	59	60	61	61
Frost chance	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Frost & chill

Frost	**Rare or absent**
Typical coldest night	**7.6 °C**
Hardiness zone	**11b**
Winter chill	**0 portions · 0 units**

Very low - only tropical and low-chill fruit

Soil & terrain

pH (water)	**6.4 · Slightly acidic**
Texture	**Sandy clay loam**
Organic matter	**Medium**
Drainage	**Well**
Water held (top 60 cm)	**62 mm**
Soil group	**Arenosols**
Elevation	**41 m**
Slope	**0.6°**

Fair drainage, reasonable fertility; benefits from organic matter.

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 30 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Herbs					
Lemongrass	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Black pepper	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant cuttings	All year	About 863 mm of rain a year; black pepper needs roughly 2000 mm or more - plan to water re…
Fruit Trees					
Grapefruit	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	
Lemon	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	
Lime	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	
Mango	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	
Naartjie	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	
Orange (citrus)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	All year	
Guava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	About 863 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 863 mm of rain a year; avocado needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular…

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Banana	Good	2 · Easy	Plant suckers	All year	About 863 mm of rain a year; banana needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Cashew nut	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 863 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 863 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 863 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 863 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 863 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 863 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl…
Field Crops					
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	
Cassava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	All year	About 863 mm of rain a year; cassava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular…
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	
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	
Wild plum (umgwenya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Baobab	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Marama bean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	All year	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	

Spring · Sep–Nov 47 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	

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Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
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	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Sep)	Sep–Nov	
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Ginger	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant tubers	Sep–Oct	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep	
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug)	Sep	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Lavender	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Oct	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…
Rose geranium	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Sage	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on sage - choose resistant cultivars, p…
Thyme	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Sep–Oct	Typical soil pH here is 6.4; tea prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Pineapple	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 6.4; pineapple prefers 4.5-6.0. Add compost and sulphur to lower i…
Olive	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,…

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Pecan	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pecan - choose resistant cultivars,...
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	About 863 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Field Crops					
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Pearl millet (babala)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Pigeon pea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Mung bean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Nov	
Groundnut (peanut)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–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)	Sep–Oct	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
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–Oct	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep	Average temperature of 22.2 °C is too hot for wild rosemary (kapokbos)

Summer · Dec–Feb 35 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Dec–Jan	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct–Nov)	Dec	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Herbs					
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Fruit Trees					
Pineapple	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec	Typical soil pH here is 6.4; pineapple prefers 4.5-6.0. Add compost and sulphur to lower i...
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Dec	About 863 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 Nov–Dec)	Jan–Feb	
Field Crops					
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
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	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Sugar cane	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant cuttings	Feb	About 863 mm of rain a year; sugar cane needs roughly 1100 mm or more - plan to water regu...
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Marula	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	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	
Amadumbe (taro)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Dec–Feb	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	

Autumn · Mar–May 75 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
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	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Leek	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar)	May	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Cauliflower	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar)	Apr	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Apr)	Mar–May	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Mar)	Mar–May	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Feb)	Mar–Apr	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Garlic	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant bulbs or cloves	Apr–May	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Onion	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Parsnip	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr	
Broad bean	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
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
Globe artichoke	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant crowns	Mar–May	Average temperature of 22.2 °C is too hot for globe artichoke
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	May	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Coriander (dhania)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	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	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Lavender	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…
Rose geranium	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Sage	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on sage - choose resistant cultivars, p…
Thyme	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	May	Typical soil pH here is 6.4; tea prefers 4.5-5.5. Add compost and sulphur to lower it.
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	

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Olive	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,...
Pecan	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Apr–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pecan - choose resistant cultivars,...
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	About 863 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 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	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Chickpea	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	May	
Potato	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Apr–May	
Canola	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	Too hot for much of the growing period
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 863 mm of rain a year; sugar cane needs roughly 1100 mm or more - plan to water regu...
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
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 garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Apr–May	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	

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Amadumbe (taro)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Mar–Apr	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	May	Average temperature of 22.2 °C is too hot for wild rosemary (kapokbos)

Winter · Jun–Aug 72 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
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	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Aug	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Leek	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr)	Jun	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jun)	Jun–Jul	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–May)	Jun	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Chilli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr)	Jun	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr–Jun)	Jun–Aug	
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Watermelon	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Muskmelon (spanspek)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Asparagus	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Turnip	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun	Hot days above 25 °C will stress the plants
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Mint	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	
Coriander (dhania)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Chamomile (German)	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	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	
Lavender	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…
Rose geranium	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Sage	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on sage - choose resistant cultivars, p…
Thyme	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.4; 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	
Fig	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Pineapple	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jul–Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.4; pineapple prefers 4.5-6.0. Add compost and sulphur to lower i…
Olive	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,…

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Pecan	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on pecan - choose resistant cultivars,...
Coffee	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	About 863 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 Apr–May)	Jun–Jul	
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Apr)	Jun	
Table grape	Good	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					
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Chickpea	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun	
Potato	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	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	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
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 garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	With care	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	Average temperature of 22.2 °C is too hot for wild rosemary (kapokbos)

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.

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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