WHAT TO GROW IN

Phiring

Greater Tubatse/Fetakgomo, Sekhukhune, Limpopo · Lowveld & Bushveld

-24.5032, 30.6929 · 901 m above sea level

> Lowveld & Bushveld climate: most rain falls in summer, with dry winters (about 670 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 clay loam.

At a glance

RAINFALL
670 mm
Summer rainfall

AVERAGE
20.4 °C
Hot semi-arid (steppe)

FROST
Frost-free
tender plants all year

SOIL
pH 6.1
Sandy clay loam

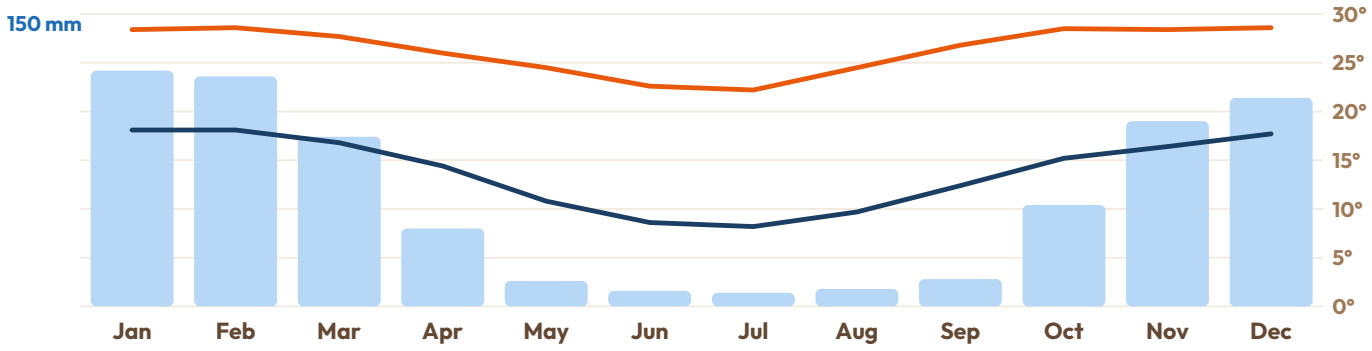
GROWING ZONE
Lowveld & Bushveld
Köppen BSh

SUMMER / WINTER
28.6° / 8.2°
summer days / winter nights

WINTER CHILL
8 portions
Very low

HARDINESS ZONE
10b
coldest night about 3 °C

Climate through the year



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day max (°C)	28.4	28.6	27.7	26	24.5	22.6	22.2	24.5	26.8	28.5	28.4	28.6
Night min (°C)	18.1	18.1	16.8	14.4	10.8	8.6	8.2	9.7	12.4	15.2	16.4	17.7
Average (°C)	23.5	23.6	22.4	20.3	17.7	15.5	15.2	17.4	20	22.3	22.8	23.5
Rain (mm)	121	118	87	40	13	8	7	9	14	52	95	107
Humidity (%)	60	61	61	59	55	53	53	53	54	57	59	60
Frost chance	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Frost & chill

Frost	**Rare or absent**
Typical coldest night	**3 °C**
Hardiness zone	**10b**
Winter chill	**8 portions · 96 units**

Very low - only tropical and low-chill fruit

Soil & terrain

pH (water)	**6.1 · Slightly acidic**
Texture	**Sandy clay loam**
Organic matter	**Medium**
Drainage	**Well**
Water held (top 60 cm)	**63 mm**
Soil group	**Acrisols**
Elevation	**901 m**
Slope	**11.1°**

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 35 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Herbs					
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Lemongrass	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Rose geranium	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on rose geranium - choose resistant cul…
Thyme	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on thyme - choose resistant cultivars,…
Sage	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; sage prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Mint	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; mint needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Fruit Trees					
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	All year	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Olive	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on olive - choose resistant cultivars,...
Mango	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; mango needs roughly 750 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Pecan	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; pecan needs roughly 750 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Avocado	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; avocado needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular...
Coffee	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; coffee needs roughly 1300 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Grapefruit	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; grapefruit needs roughly 900 mm or more - plan to water regul...
Guava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; guava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Lemon	Good	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; lemon needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Lime	Good	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; lime needs roughly 900 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Litchi	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	All year	About 670 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 670 mm of rain a year; macadamia needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regul...
Naartjie	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; naartjie needs roughly 900 mm or more - plan to water regular...
Orange (citrus)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; orange (citrus) needs roughly 900 mm or more - plan to water...
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays All year)	All year	
Granadilla (passion fruit)	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant from a pot	All year	About 670 mm of rain a year; granadilla (passion fruit) needs roughly 1200 mm or more - pl...
Indigenous & African Crops					
Mobola plum	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	All year	
Monkey orange	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Sour plum (Ximenia)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Wild plum (umgwenya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Kei apple	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	All year	
Num-num (amatungula)	Excellent	1 · Very 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 46 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep	
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	
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–Oct	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep	
Ginger	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant tubers	Sep–Oct	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Sep)	Sep–Oct	
Lavender	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Oct	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar…
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Sep–Oct	About 670 mm of rain a year; tea needs roughly 1150 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Black pepper	With care	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for black pepper
Fruit Trees					

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	
Banana	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant suckers	Sep–Nov	About 670 mm of rain a year; banana needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Pineapple	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	About 670 mm of rain a year; pineapple needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regula...
Coconut palm	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for coconut palm
Pawpaw (papaya)	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for pawpaw (papaya)
Cashew nut	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for cashew nut
Berries & Vines					
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; blueberry prefers 4.2-5.2. Add compost and sulphur to lower i...
Field Crops					
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	
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
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.
Cassava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	About 670 mm of rain a year; cassava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular...
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Marula	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Oct–Nov	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Nov	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Oct)	Sep–Nov	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is on the warm side for wild rosemary (kapokbos)

Summer · Dec–Feb 45 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Dec	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Gem squash	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	Dec–Feb	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Feb	
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec–Jan)	Jan–Feb	
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Black pepper	With care	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for black pepper
Fruit Trees					

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Banana	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant suckers	Dec–Feb	About 670 mm of rain a year; banana needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Pineapple	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec	About 670 mm of rain a year; pineapple needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regula…
Coconut palm	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for coconut palm
Pawpaw (papaya)	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for pawpaw (papaya)
Cashew nut	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for cashew nut
Field Crops					
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Pigeon pea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
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.
Cassava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Dec–Feb	About 670 mm of rain a year; cassava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular…
Sugar cane	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant cuttings	Feb	About 670 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	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec–Jan)	Jan–Feb	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Amadumbe (taro)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Dec–Feb	Too cold for much of the growing period

Autumn · Mar–May 64 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 Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Cabbage	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Cauliflower	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Mar–Apr	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar–Apr)	Apr–May	
Peas	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Feb)	Mar	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Broad bean	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Garlic	Excellent	3 · Moderate	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	Mar–Apr	
Turnip	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
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.
Brussels sprouts	Good	5 · Expert	Seedlings (sow in trays Mar)	Apr	Hot days above 26 °C will stress the plants
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Good	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; chinese cabbage (pak choi) prefers 6.5-7.2. Add agricultural...
English spinach	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; english spinach prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Globe artichoke	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant crowns	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; globe artichoke prefers 6.5-7.0. Add agricultural lime.
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb)	Mar	
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Lavender	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - choose resistant cultivar...
Coriander (dhania)	Good	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Tea	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Mar–May	About 670 mm of rain a year; tea needs roughly 1150 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Black pepper	With care	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Mar–May	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for black pepper
Fruit Trees					
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	
Banana	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant suckers	Mar–May	About 670 mm of rain a year; banana needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl...
Coconut palm	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for coconut palm
Pawpaw (papaya)	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for pawpaw (papaya)
Cashew nut	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Mar–May	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for cashew nut
Berries & Vines					
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	

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Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; blueberry prefers 4.2-5.2. Add compost and sulphur to lower i...
Field Crops					
Chickpea	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar	
Barley	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Oats	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Apr–May	
Canola	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Potato	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Mar–May	
Cassava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Mar–May	About 670 mm of rain a year; cassava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular...
Sugar cane	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant cuttings	Mar–Apr	About 670 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	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Wild medlar	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Mar	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb)	Mar	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Amadumbe (taro)	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Mar–Apr	Too cold for much of the growing period
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Apr–May	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is on the warm side for wild rosemary (kapokbos)

Winter · Jun–Aug 64 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	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Peas	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	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	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Pumpkin	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Butternut	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jun)	Aug	
Watermelon	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Asparagus	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Carrot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays May)	Jun	
Muskmelon (spanspek)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Turnip	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun	
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.
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...
English spinach	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; english spinach prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Parsley	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Rocket	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jun–Jul)	Jul–Aug	
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	

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Lavender	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Warm, wet summer nights here favour fungal disease on lavender - 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	Good	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	About 670 mm of rain a year; tea needs roughly 1150 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Black pepper	With care	5 · Expert	Plant cuttings	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for black pepper
Fruit Trees					
Fig	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Jun–Aug	
Banana	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant suckers	Jun, Aug	About 670 mm of rain a year; banana needs roughly 1200 mm or more - plan to water regularl…
Pineapple	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jul–Aug	About 670 mm of rain a year; pineapple needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regula…
Coconut palm	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for coconut palm
Pawpaw (papaya)	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for pawpaw (papaya)
Cashew nut	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Jun, Aug	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is too cool for cashew nut
Berries & Vines					
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…
Raspberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	About 8 chill portions per winter; typical varieties need 10 or more - look for low-chill…
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Jun–Aug	Typical soil pH here is 6.0; blueberry prefers 4.2-5.2. Add compost and sulphur to lower i…
Field Crops					
Chickpea	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun	
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jul–Aug	
Soybean	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	

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Potato	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant tubers	Jun	
Cassava	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Jun, Aug	About 670 mm of rain a year; cassava needs roughly 1000 mm or more - plan to water regular…
Indigenous & African Crops					
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul)	Aug	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Cowpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	Good	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Jun–Aug	Average temperature of 20.4 °C is on the warm side for wild rosemary (kapokbos)

Not recommended here

Apple, Apricot, Buchu (round-leaf), Cherry, Honeybush, Nectarine, Peach, Pear, Plum, 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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