WHAT TO GROW IN

The Village

Merafong City, West Rand, Gauteng · Highveld & Midlands

-26.4001, 27.3848 · 1,616 m above sea level

Highveld & Midlands climate: most rain falls in summer, with dry winters (about 679 mm a year). Expect about 36 frosty nights a year; plant frost-tender crops after 10 September. Soils here are typically slightly acidic (pH 5.9) and sandy clay loam.

At a glance

RAINFALL
679 mm
Summer rainfall

AVERAGE
16.3 °C
Subtropical highland (dry winter)

FROST
36 nights
safe after 10 September

SOIL
pH 5.9
Sandy clay loam

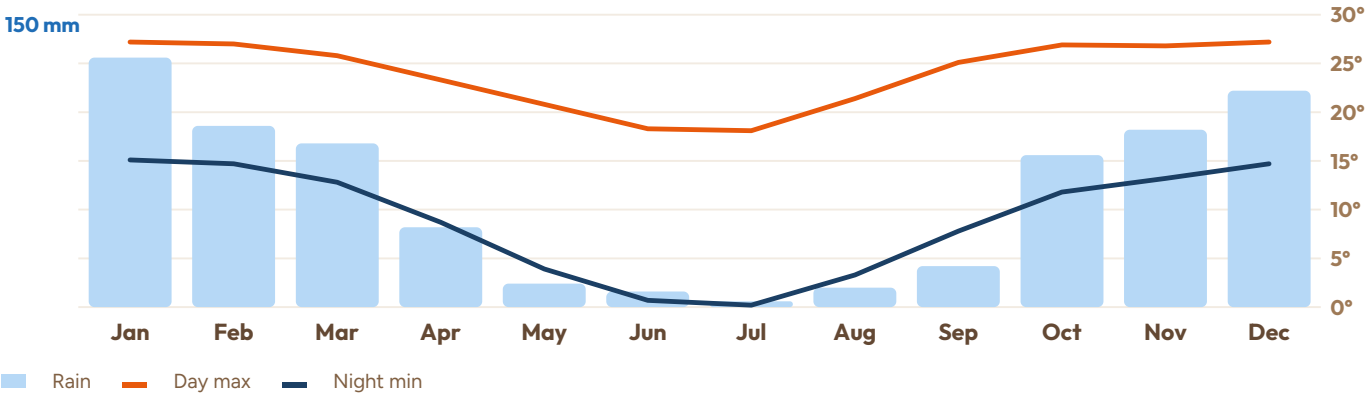
GROWING ZONE
Highveld & Midlands
Köppen Cwb

SUMMER / WINTER
27.2° / 0.2°
summer days / winter nights

WINTER CHILL
42 portions
Moderate

HARDINESS ZONE
9a
coldest night about -5.6 °C

Climate through the year



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day max (°C)	27.2	27	25.8	23.3	20.8	18.3	18.1	21.4	25.1	26.9	26.8	27.2
Night min (°C)	15.1	14.7	12.8	8.7	3.9	0.7	0.2	3.3	7.8	11.8	13.2	14.7
Average (°C)	21.3	20.9	19.4	15.9	11.9	8.8	8.6	12	16.6	19.5	20.2	21.1
Rain (mm)	128	93	84	41	12	8	3	10	21	78	91	111
Humidity (%)	58	57	57	54	50	49	47	46	45	50	53	56
Frost chance	–	–	–	7%	57%	100%	100%	87%	27%	–	–	–

Frost & chill

Frosty nights a year	36
Last frost usually by	26 August
Safe for tender crops	after 10 September
First autumn frost	~28 May
Frost-free days	275
Typical coldest night	-5.6 °C
Hardiness zone	9a
Winter chill	42 portions · 523 units

Moderate - most stone fruit and low-chill apples

Soil & terrain

pH (water)	5.9 · Slightly acidic
Texture	Sandy clay loam
Organic matter	Medium
Drainage	Well
Water held (top 60 cm)	51 mm
Soil group	Acrisols
Elevation	1,616 m
Slope	2.6°

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 1 crop

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Herbs					
Chamomile (German)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	All year	

Spring · Sep–Nov 74 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Cabbage	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug)	Sep	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Sep)	Sep–Oct	
Sweetcorn (green mealies)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Baby marrow (courgette)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Butternut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Gem squash	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Pumpkin	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Oct)	Oct–Nov	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Oct)	Sep–Nov	
Chilli	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Sep)	Oct–Nov	
Sweet potato	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Carrot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Sep)	Sep–Oct	
Muskmelon (spanspek)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Parsnip	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Sep)	Oct–Nov	
Watermelon	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	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	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Parsley	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	
Basil	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Sep)	Sep–Oct	
Lavender	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Thyme	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Rocket	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; rocket prefers 6.2-7.0. Add agricultural lime.
Mint	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	About 679 mm of rain a year; mint needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Sage	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; sage prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Coriander (dhania)	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Sep–Oct	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Fruit Trees					
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	
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Pecan	Good	3 · Moderate	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Summers here average about 21.1 °C; pecan needs about 22.5 °C or more in the warmest month...
Naartjie	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	About 679 mm of rain a year; naartjie needs roughly 900 mm or more - plan to water regular...
Orange (citrus)	With care	4 · Challenging	Plant a grafted tree	Sep–Nov	Winter lows of about -6 °C are close to or below the -4 °C that damages orange (citrus)
Berries & Vines					
Cape gooseberry	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul–Sep)	Sep–Nov	
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; blueberry prefers 4.2-5.2. Add compost and sulphur to lower i...
Field Crops					
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Pigeon pea	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Chickpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Soybean	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	
Potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant tubers	Sep–Nov	
Pearl millet (babala)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Canola	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	
Groundnut (peanut)	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	Too cold for much of the growing period
Mung bean	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Nov	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; mung bean prefers 6.3-7.2. Add agricultural lime.
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Black nightshade (umsobo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Aug–Oct)	Sep–Nov	
Blackjack (umhlabangubo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Jew's mallow (thelele)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Cowpea	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	

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Wild cucumber	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Wild rosemary (kapokbos)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Sep–Nov	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Oct–Nov	
Wild medlar	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Nov	Average temperature of 16.3 °C is on the cool side for wild medlar
Kei apple	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Winter lows of about -6 °C are close to or below the -5 °C that damages kei apple
Num-num (amatungula)	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Winter lows of about -6 °C are close to or below the -5 °C that damages num-num (amatungul…
Marama bean	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Sep–Nov	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; marama bean prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Sour plum (Ximenia)	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Sep–Nov	Winter lows of about -6 °C are close to or below the -4 °C that damages sour plum (ximenia…

Summer · Dec–Feb 68 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Cabbage	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov–Jan)	Dec–Feb	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov–Jan)	Dec–Feb	
Broccoli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec–Jan)	Jan–Feb	
Celery	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct–Dec)	Dec–Feb	
Cucumber	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Green beans (bush)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Sweet pepper	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct–Nov)	Dec	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Tomato	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov)	Dec	
Chilli	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	
Cauliflower	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Nov–Jan)	Dec–Feb	

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Carrot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Garlic	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant bulbs or cloves	Feb	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan)	Feb	
Parsnip	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jan–Feb	
Brinjal (eggplant)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Oct)	Dec	
Okra	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec	
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Feb	
Lemon balm	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Rosemary	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Chives	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Parsley	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	
Lavender	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Oregano	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Thyme	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Rocket	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Feb	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; rocket prefers 6.2-7.0. Add agricultural lime.
Mint	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	About 679 mm of rain a year; mint needs roughly 800 mm or more - plan to water regularly
Sage	Good	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; sage prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Coriander (dhania)	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Feb	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Fruit Trees					
Persimmon (sharon fruit)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant a grafted tree	Dec–Jan	
Pomegranate	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant cuttings	Dec–Jan	
Olive	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Mulberry	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
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Berries & Vines					
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Dec–Jan)	Feb	
Blueberry	Good	5 · Expert	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; blueberry prefers 4.2-5.2. Add compost and sulphur to lower i...
Field Crops					
Dry beans	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Maize	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Sorghum	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Chickpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Soybean	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Sunflower	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Barley	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Feb	
Potato	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant tubers	Dec	
Canola	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Mung bean	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; mung bean prefers 6.3-7.2. Add agricultural lime.
Indigenous & African Crops					
Amaranth (morogo / imbuya)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Spider plant (morogo)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	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	
Cowpea	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Bottle gourd (calabash)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Wild cucumber	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	
Wild garlic	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	
Bambara groundnut	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Makataan (bitter watermelon)	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Sow in place	Dec	
Wild medlar	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Feb	Average temperature of 16.3 °C is on the cool side for wild medlar
Kei apple	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	Winter lows of about -6 °C are close to or below the -5 °C that damages kei apple

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Marama bean	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Dec–Jan	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; marama bean prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Sour plum (Ximenia)	With care	3 · Moderate	Plant from a pot	Dec–Jan	Winter lows of about -6 °C are close to or below the -4 °C that damages sour plum (ximenia…

Autumn · Mar–May 29 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Cabbage	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb)	Mar	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Apr)	Mar–May	
Broccoli	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb)	Mar	
Kohlrabi	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Mar–Apr	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Brussels sprouts	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Feb)	Mar	
Peas	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar	
Carrot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar	
Garlic	Excellent	2 · Easy	Plant bulbs or cloves	Mar–Apr	
Lettuce	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Mar–Apr	
Onion	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb–Mar)	Apr–May	
Parsnip	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar	
Turnip	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Broad bean	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Apr–May	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; broad bean prefers 6.2-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Leek	Good	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Mar)	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; leek prefers 6.2-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Chinese cabbage (pak choi)	Good	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Feb)	Mar	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; chinese cabbage (pak choi) prefers 6.5-7.2. Add agricultural…
English spinach	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; english spinach prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Globe artichoke	Good	4 · Challenging	Plant crowns	Mar–May	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; globe artichoke prefers 6.5-7.0. Add agricultural lime.
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Parsley	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	
Rocket	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; rocket prefers 6.2-7.0. Add agricultural lime.
Coriander (dhania)	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Mar–Apr	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Berries & Vines					
Strawberry	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Seedlings (sow in trays Jan–Feb)	Mar	
Field Crops					
Oats	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	May	
Barley	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Mar–May	
Indigenous & African Crops					
Wild medlar	Good	2 · Easy	Plant from a pot	Mar	Average temperature of 16.3 °C is on the cool side for wild medlar

Winter · Jun–Aug 27 crops

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Vegetables					
Beetroot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Cabbage	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays Jul)	Aug	
Chicory (radicchio, witloof)	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Aug	
Kale	Excellent	2 · Easy	Seedlings (sow in trays May–Jul)	Jun–Aug	
Radish	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Swiss chard (spinach)	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Asparagus	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Rhubarb	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Carrot	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Parsnip	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Aug	
Herbs					
Dill	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Rocket	Good	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; rocket prefers 6.2-7.0. Add agricultural lime.

CROP	RATING	EFFORT	HOW	WHEN	WATCH OUT
Coriander (dhania)	Good	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Aug	Typical soil pH here is 5.9; coriander (dhania) prefers 6.5-7.5. Add agricultural lime.
Fruit Trees					
Apricot	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Fig	Excellent	1 · Very easy	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Pear	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Apple	Excellent	5 · Expert	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Nectarine	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Peach	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Plum	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Cherry	With care	5 · Expert	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	About 42 chill portions per winter; typical varieties need 55 or more - look for low-chill...
Berries & Vines					
Raspberry	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Table grape	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Plant a bare-root tree	Jun–Aug	
Field Crops					
Oats	Excellent	3 · Moderate	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Chickpea	Excellent	2 · Easy	Sow in place	Aug	
Wheat	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	
Barley	Excellent	4 · Challenging	Sow in place	Jun–Jul	

Not recommended here

Amadumbe (taro), Avocado, Banana, Baobab, Black pepper, Buchu (round-leaf), Cashew nut, Cassava, Coconut palm, Coffee, Ginger, Granadilla (passion fruit), Grapefruit, Guava, Honeybush, Lemon, Lemongrass, Lime, Litchi, Macadamia, Mango, Marula, Mobola plum, Monkey orange, Pawpaw (papaya), Pineapple, Rooibos, Rose geranium, Sugar cane, Tea, Wild plum (umgwenya).

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.

Online version, with every crop's reasons and planting calendar: https://farmboss.co.za/place/the-village-merafong-city-949277