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Temperature

Mean, Minimum and Maximum

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Monthly Rainfall

Heat Units

HU and GDD for April 2026

Cumulative HU and GDD from July – April 2026





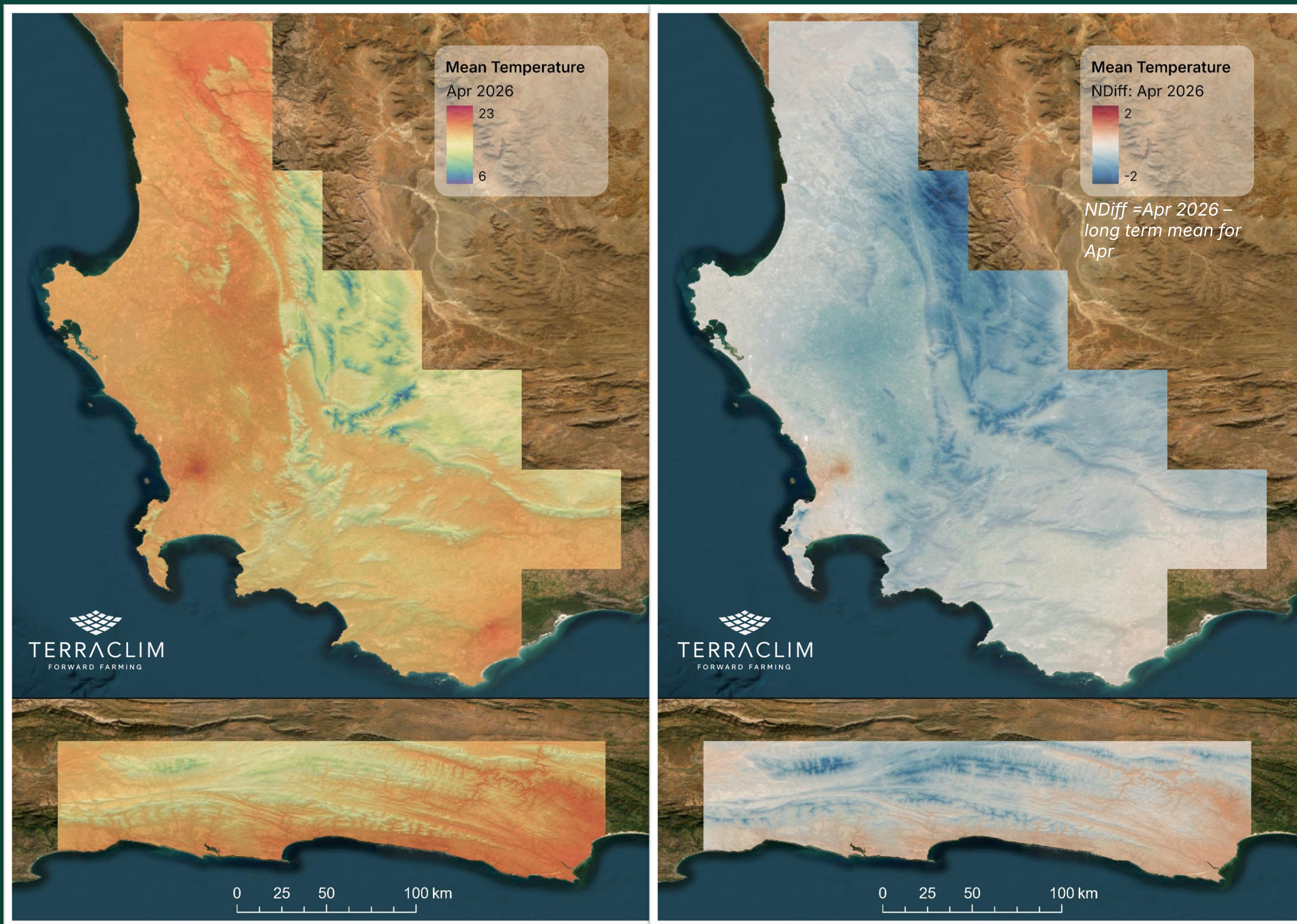
Temperature

TEMPERATURE & RAINFALL FOR 1 – 30 APRIL: 2025/26

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Area	Average Temperature				Maximum Temperature				Minimum Temperature				Avg Daily Maximum Temp				Avg Daily Minimum Temp				Total Rainfall			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	14,4	14	-0,4	▼	29,7	30,4	0,7	▲	2,6	-1,9	-4,5	▼	21	20,1	-0,9	▼	9	8	-1	▼	23	49	26	▲
Elgin**	15,4	14,2	-1,2	▼	29,7	31,1	1,4	▲	4,3	1,3	-3	▼	22,5	20,4	-2,1	▼	9,4	8,2	-1,2	▼	26	153	127	▲
Ermelo	15	16	1	▲	24,4	26,9	2,5	▲	7,7	7	-0,7	▼	20	21,7	1,7	▲	11,3	11,7	0,4	▲	80	49	-31	▼
Franschhoek	20,2	17,8	-2,4	▼	34,4	34,6	0,2	▲	9,7	8	-1,7	▼	26,4	23,3	-3,1	▼	15,4	13,1	-2,3	▼	34	142	108	▲
Greyton	17,8	17,5	-0,3	▼	34	36,1	2,1	▲	2	4,8	2,8	▲	25,5	24,7	-0,8	▼	11,8	12,3	0,5	▲	84	99	15	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	16,5	16,8	0,3	▲	30,8	33	2,2	▲	5,5	3,6	-1,9	▼	23,3	23,4	0,1	▲	11	11,3	0,3	▲	58	16	-42	▼
Koue Bokkeveld**	15,8	13,1	-2,7	▼	29,3	29,7	0,4	▲	3,5	0	-3,5	▼	23,3	19,5	-3,8	▼	8,5	6,8	-1,7	▼	22	99	77	▲
Ladismith	17,9	16,3	-1,6	▼	31,4	30,3	-1,1	▼	8,6	5,7	-2,9	▼	23,4	21,3	-2,1	▼	13,1	12	-1,1	▼	26	87	61	▲
Misgund (Langkloof)**	14,7	14,5	-0,2	▼	29,3	30,7	1,4	▲	2,9	-1	-3,9	▼	21,7	21,6	-0,1	▼	8,9	8	-0,9	▼	81	39	-42	▼
Montagu	18,3	17,2	-1,1	▼	34,7	35,8	1,1	▲	7	2,4	-4,6	▼	26,7	24,9	-1,8	▼	11,4	10,8	-0,6	▼	41	47	6	▲
Nuy	18,1	16,8	-1,3	▼	33,8	35	1,2	▲	5,1	4,4	-0,7	▼	25,9	24,2	-1,7	▼	11,1	10,6	-0,5	▼	51	51	0	-
Piketberg	17,7	15,1	-2,6	▼	32,7	31,3	-1,4	▼	6,1	1,7	-4,4	▼	25,5	21,7	-3,8	▼	10,6	8,7	-1,9	▼	38	110	72	▲
Robertson**	18,1	16,6	-1,5	▼	33,4	34,2	0,8	▲	7,2	6,2	-1	▼	25,6	23,6	-2	▼	12,4	11,1	-1,3	▼	53	46	-7	▲
Simondium	20,2	17,4	-2,8	▼	33,7	34,7	1	▲	9,9	8	-1,9	▼	25,7	23	-2,7	▼	15,8	12,7	-3,1	▼	90	120	30	▲
Stellenbosch	19,4	16,9	-2,5	▼	34,9	35,6	0,7	▲	9,5	6,8	-2,7	▼	26,6	23,3	-3,3	▼	13	10,9	-2,1	▼	61	116	55	▲
Tulbagh	18,4	16,9	-1,5	▼	34,4	34,1	-0,3	▼	7,4	5	-2,4	▼	26	23,7	-2,3	▼	12,2	11	-1,2	▼	38	68	30	▲
Villiersdorp	18	16,3	-1,7	▼	31,9	32,5	0,6	▲	7	5,5	-1,5	▼	24,4	21,7	-2,7	▼	12,9	11,6	-1,3	▼	43	105	62	▲
Vrystaat	14,1	14,2	0,1	▲	24	28,3	4,3	▲	4	0,4	-3,6	▼	19,9	21,4	1,5	▲	9,7	8,4	-1,3	▼	189	113	-76	▼
Vyeboom**	17,7	14,9	-2,8	▼	32,9	33,4	0,5	▲	7,7	5	-2,7	▼	24,5	22,1	-2,4	▼	12,5	9,2	-3,3	▼	19	139	120	▲
Waterberg	18,8	19,3	0,5	▲	28,8	29	0,2	▲	11,6	12	0,4	▲	24,1	25,2	1,1	▲	14,6	14,7	0,1	▲	121	85	-36	▼
WBV - Noord	18,1	15,8	-2,3	▼	33,8	35,3	1,5	▲	2,1	2,7	0,6	▲	26,7	24,6	-2,1	▼	10,5	9	-1,5	▼	22	72	50	▲
WBV - Suid**	17,6	15,1	-2,5	▼	33,1	33	-0,1	▼	4,8	1	-3,8	▼	27,1	22,9	-4,2	▼	9,5	8,5	-1	▼	49	118	69	▲
Wellington**	19,8	17,3	-2,5	▼	38,1	36,6	-1,5	▼	5,8	6,8	1	▲	28,3	25,1	-3,2	▼	13,4	11,7	-1,7	▼	20	78	58	▲
Wolseley	19,6	16,9	-2,7	▼	35	36	1	▲	6,3	5	-1,3	▼	26,2	24,6	-1,6	▼	14,2	10,5	-3,7	▼	37	62	25	▲



MEAN TEMPERATURE



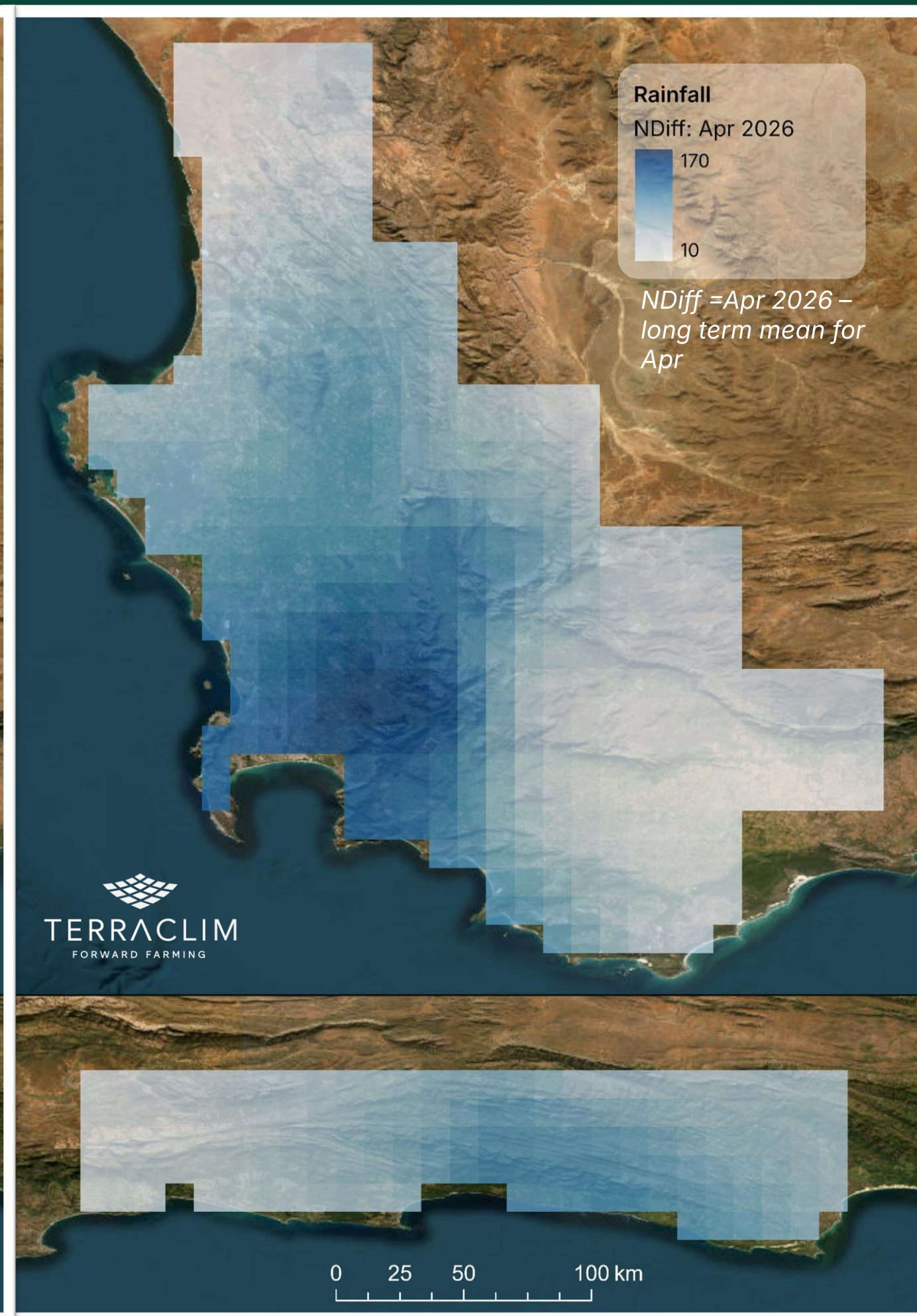
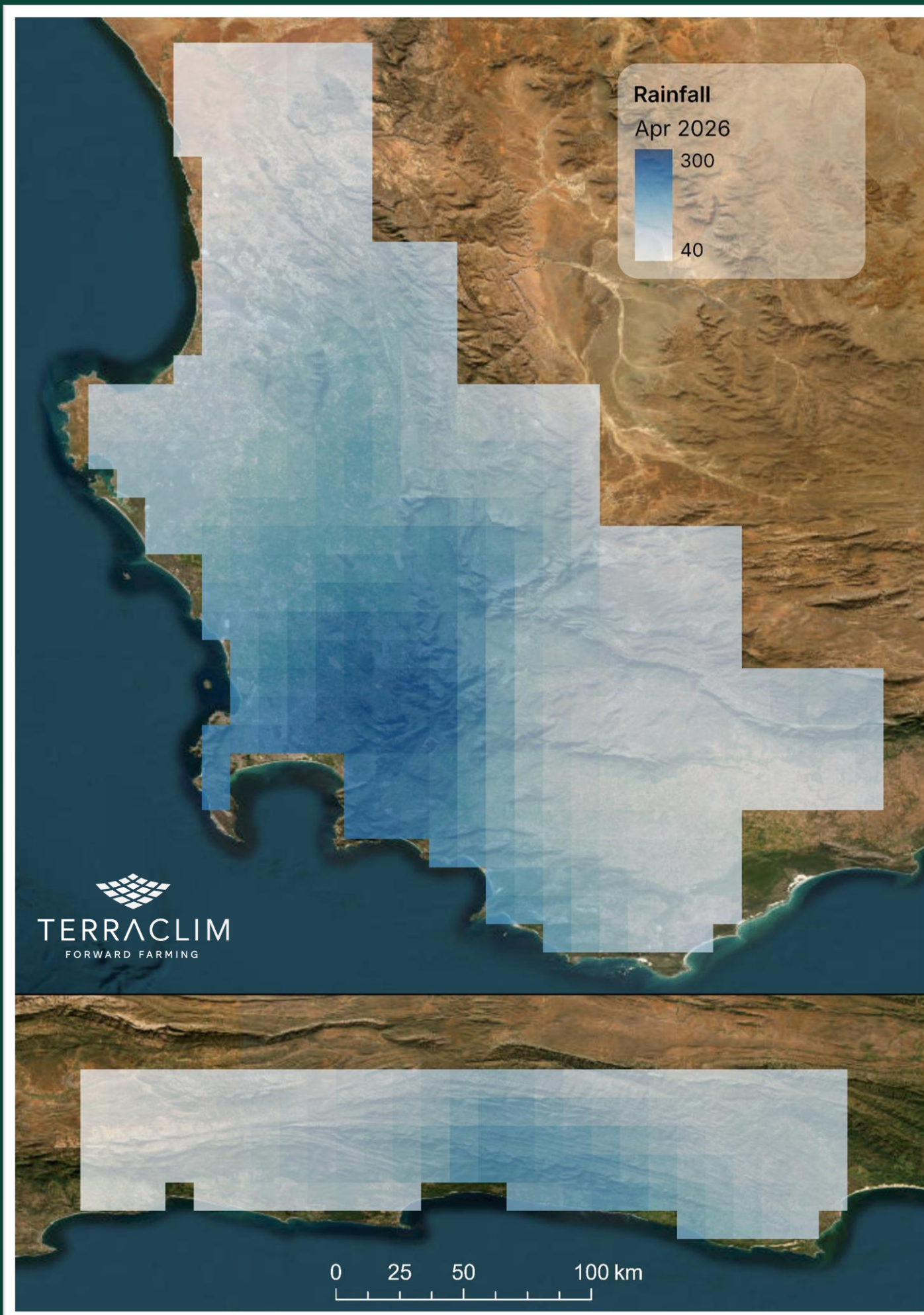
The average monthly mean temperatures for April 2026 ranged between 6 - 22°C. The West Coast, Overberg, and City of Cape Town Metro exhibited higher mean temperatures.

Generally, conditions were slightly cooler this April with a $\sim 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ decrease in mean temperatures. The Langkloof region showed little average change relative to the long term mean.



Rainfall





RAINFALL



The cumulative monthly rainfall for April 2026 ranged between 0 - 300 mm. This was concentrated over the Cape Winelands and Langkloof regions, averaging ~135mm and ~148mm, respectively.

April 2026 was wetter than usual, with an average increase in rainfall of ~66mm over the Cape Winelands and EGVV and by ~72mm over the Central-Eastern Langkloof.

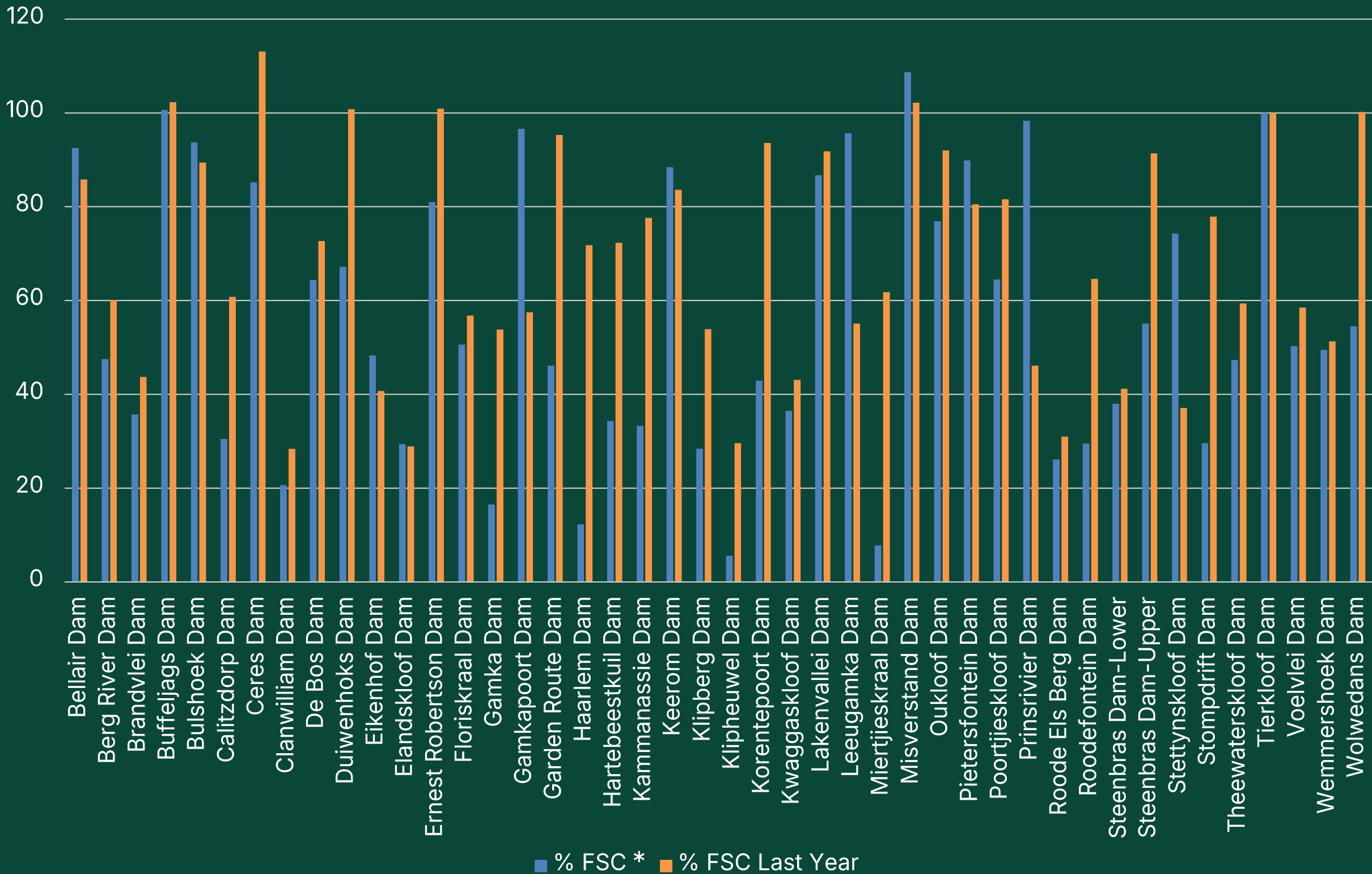
Current Level:

46% as of May 6th, 2026. Last year, this time, dam levels were sitting at 57%.

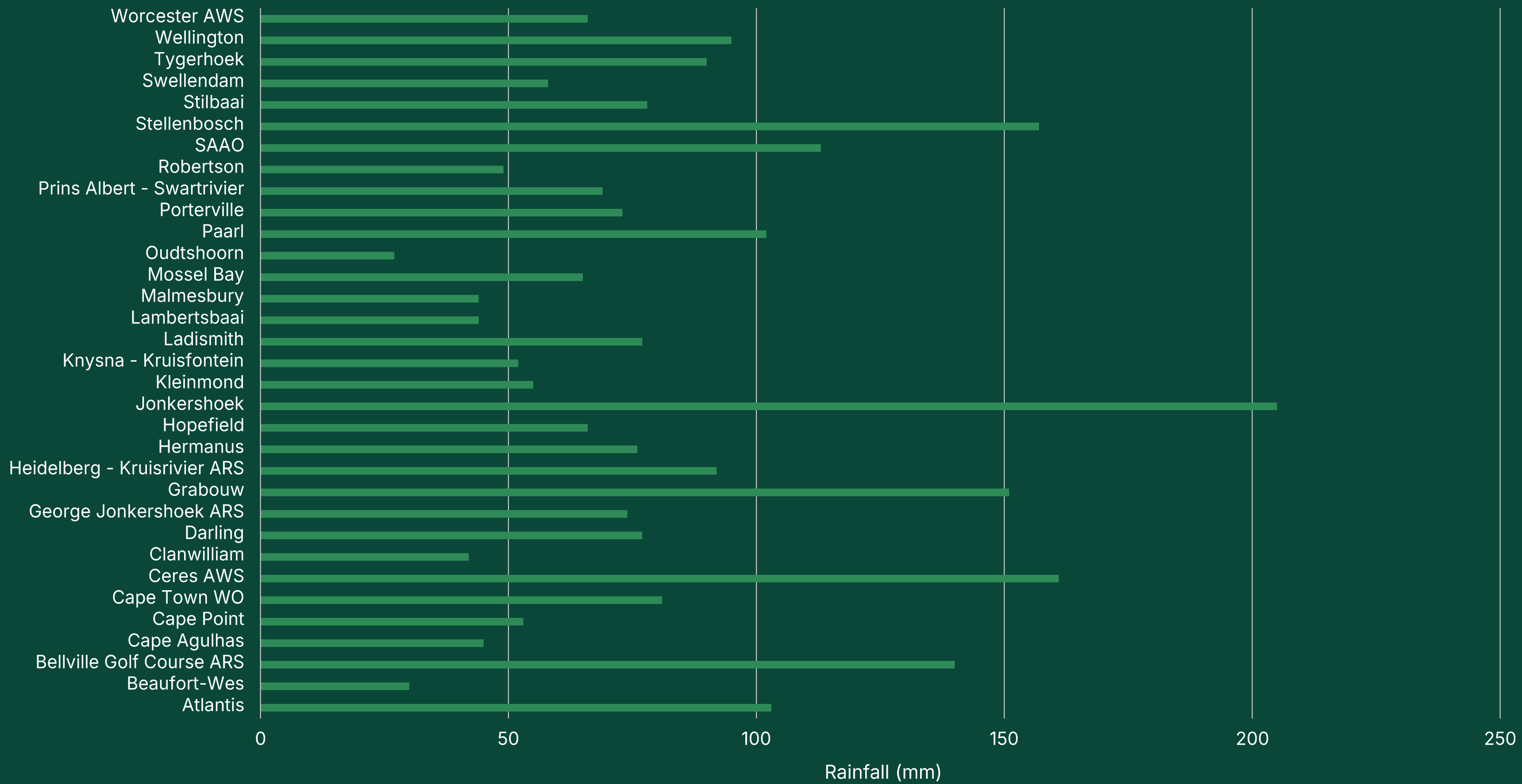
This data is sourced from the Department of Water and Sanitation.



State of Western Cape Dams



*Full Supply Capacity





Heat Units and Growing Degree Days

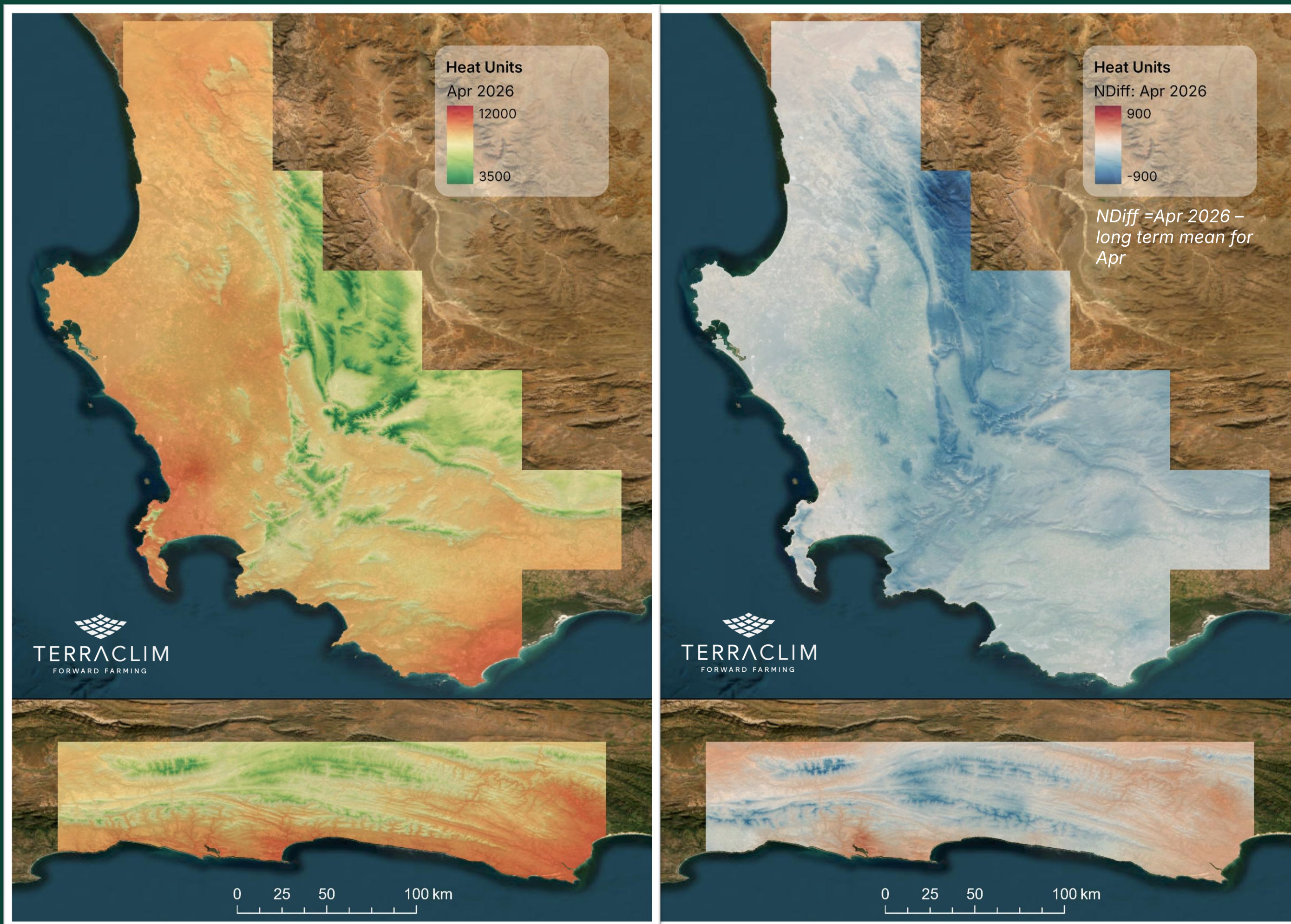


MONTHLY HEAT UNITS (HU) & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (GDD) for 1 - 30 APRIL: 2025/26

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Area	GDD				HEAT UNITS			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	150	122	-28	▼	3458	3575	117	▲
Elgin**	178	129	-49	▼	4178	3490	-688	▼
Ermelo	170	201	31	▲	3635	4331	696	▲
Franschhoek	327	246	-81	▼	7327	5638	-1689	▼
Greyton	260	256	-4	▼	5665	5451	-214	▼
Joubertina (Langkloof)	216	220	4	▲	4745	5051	306	▲
Koue Bokkeveld**	178	95	-83	▼	4485	3068	-1417	▼
Ladismith	246	199	-47	▼	5706	4664	-1042	▼
Misgund (Langkloof)**	160	144	-16	▼	3650	3850	200	▲
Montagu	272	236	-36	▼	6074	5466	-608	▼
Nuy	256	222	-34	▼	5899	5029	-870	▼
Piketberg	242	157	-85	▼	5634	4049	-1585	▼
Robertson**	271	221	-50	▼	5848	4909	-939	▼
Simondium	324	236	-88	▼	7319	5337	-1982	▼
Stellenbosch	294	214	-80	▼	6735	5076	-1659	▼
Tulbagh	274	220	-54	▼	6080	5105	-975	▼
Villiersdorp	259	199	-60	▼	5809	4595	-1214	▼
Vrystaat	143	147	4	▲	3096	3345	249	▲
Vyeboom**	255	171	-84	▼	5570	3904	-1666	▼
Waterberg	279	297	18	▲	6307	6699	392	▲
WBV - Noord	258	204	-54	▼	5924	4574	-1350	▼
WBV - Suid**	249	171	-78	▼	5695	4165	-1530	▼
Wellington**	326	251	-75	▼	7044	5335	-1709	▼
Wolseley	307	227	-80	▼	6899	5159	-1740	▼

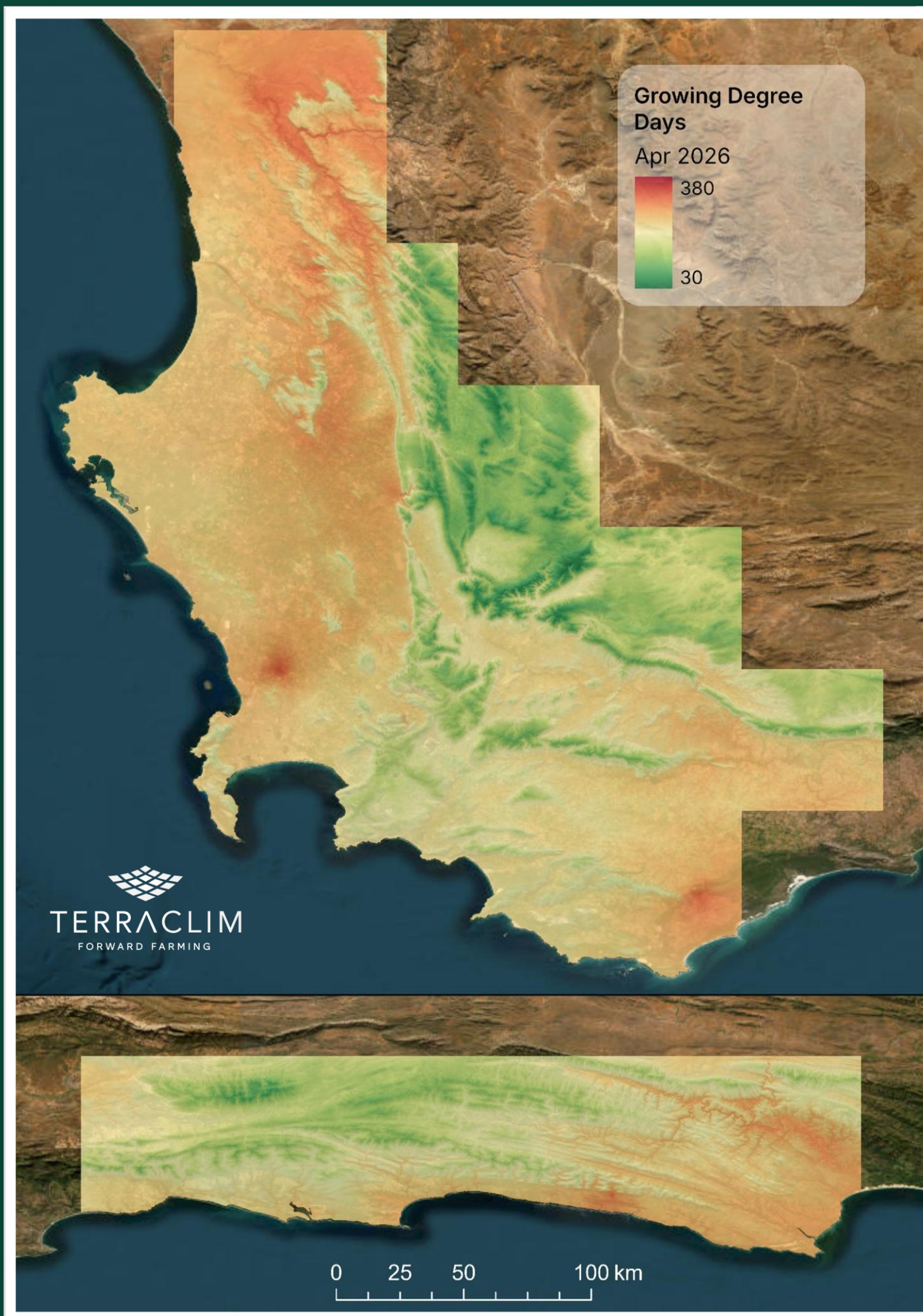


HEAT UNITS (APRIL 2026)



The heat units (HU) for April 2026 ranged between 3 500 - 12 000 HU. This accumulation was largely concentrated over the City of Cape Town, Overberg, and Eastern Langkloof.

Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape was cooler, accumulating ~530 HU fewer while the Langkloof was warmer accumulating an additional ~40 HU, mostly over the Eastern Langkloof.



GROWING DEGREE DAYS (APRIL 2026)

The growing degree days for April 2026 ranged between 30 – 380 GDD.

Compared to the long-term mean, April 2026 was cooler than usual. The Cape accumulated an average of ~20 GDD fewer during this period, with the Berg River and Cape Winelands seeing the largest decreases. On the other hand, above-average growing days were accumulated across parts of the coastal Langkloof.

ACCUMULATED HEAT UNITS (HU) & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (GDD) for 1 JULY - 30 APRIL: 2025/26

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Area	GDD				HEAT UNITS			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	1371	1431	60	▲	37700	39999	2299	▲
Elgin**	2104	1657	-447	▼	41023	45159	4136	▲
Ermelo	2285	2098	-187	▼	52458	47090	-5368	▼
Franschhoek	2820	2996	176	▲	64765	68186	3421	▲
Greyton	2530	2647	117	▲	57654	61537	3883	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	2061	2279	218	▲	50437	54881	4444	▲
Koue Bokkeveld**	1553	1614	61	▲	46415	49424	3009	▲
Ladismith	2439	2526	87	▲	57347	59170	1823	▲
Misgund (Langkloof)**	1422	1544	122	▲	40181	43617	3436	▲
Montagu	2653	2745	92	▲	64137	67138	3001	▲
Nuy	2291	2420	129	▲	59539	62890	3351	▲
Piketberg	2064	2168	104	▲	53087	57032	3945	▲
Robertson**	2564	2684	120	▲	61629	64096	2467	▲
Simondium	2712	2848	136	▲	62788	66066	3278	▲
Stellenbosch	2488	2628	140	▲	59432	61907	2475	▲
Tulbagh	2569	2637	68	▲	60975	63782	2807	▲
Villiersdorp	2370	2433	63	▲	55068	56567	1499	▲
Vrystaat	2069	1961	-108	▼	49420	44152	-5268	▼
Vyeboom**	2304	2404	100	▲	53455	55816	2361	▲
Waterberg	3324	3018	-306	▼	78517	70937	-7580	▼
WBV - Noord	2226	2504	278	▲	58106	63489	5383	▲
WBV - Suid**	2233	2315	82	▲	57913	60926	3013	▲
Wellington**	2810	2957	147	▲	63405	65338	1933	▲
Wolseley	2766	2850	84	▲	63451	66830	3379	▲



ACCUMULATED HEAT UNITS (APRIL 2026)



The accumulated heat units to date (April 2026) ranged from 35 000 – 115 000 HU.

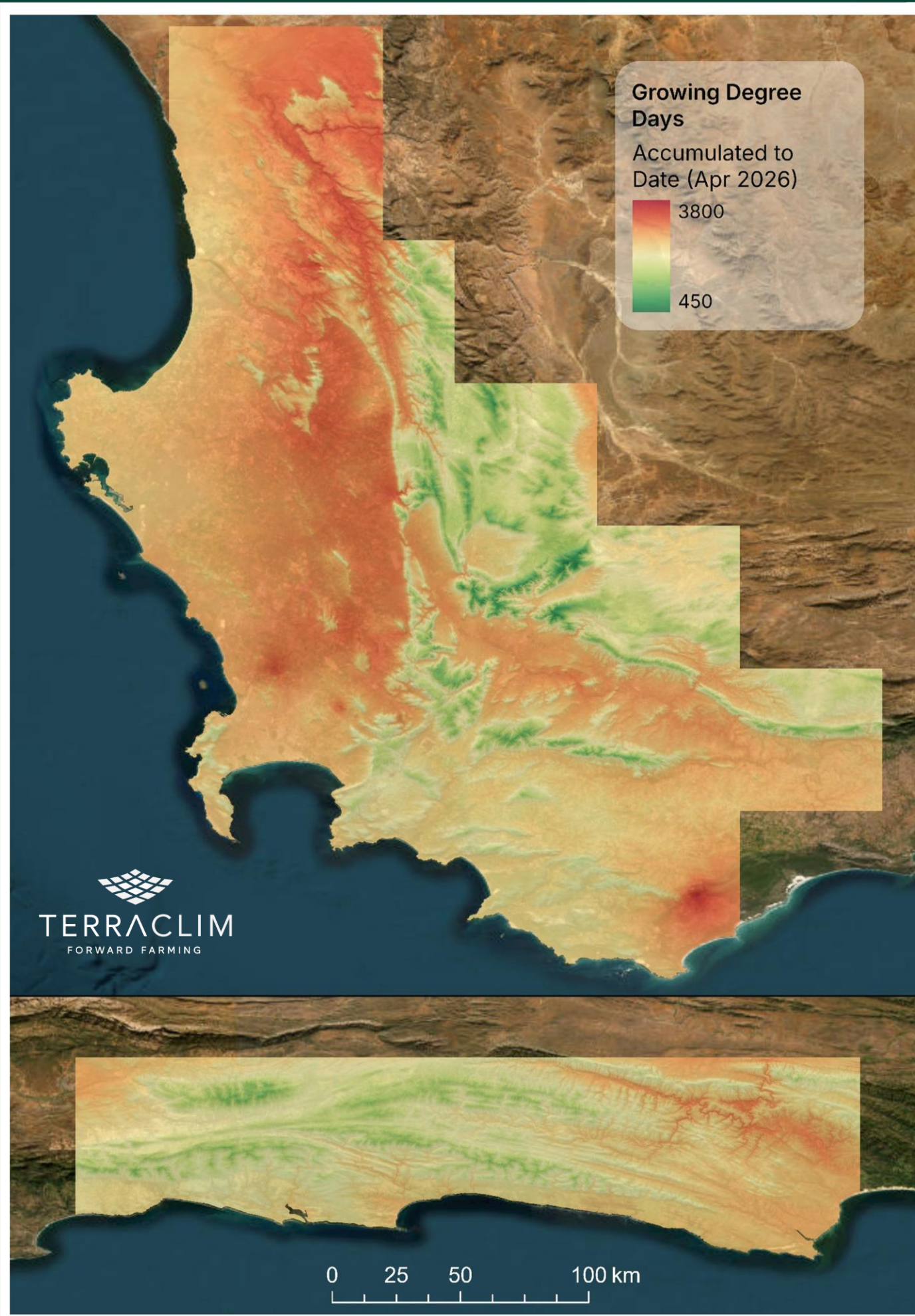
This was largely concentrated over the City of Cape Town, coastal Overberg and eastern Langkloof areas. A decrease in HU accumulation was observed during this period for the Cape (~700 HU), while the Langkloof experienced an above-average accumulation (~2400 HU).

ACCUMULATED GROWING DEGREE DAYS (APRIL 2026)



The accumulated growing days to date (April 2026) ranged between 450 – 3800 GDD, averaging ~2400 GDD.

Higher accumulations were concentrated over the West Coast, Overberg and eastern Langkloof areas. Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape recorded more growing days, with an average increase of ~75 GDD during this period.



Stations used in this report (1 - 30 April): 2025/26

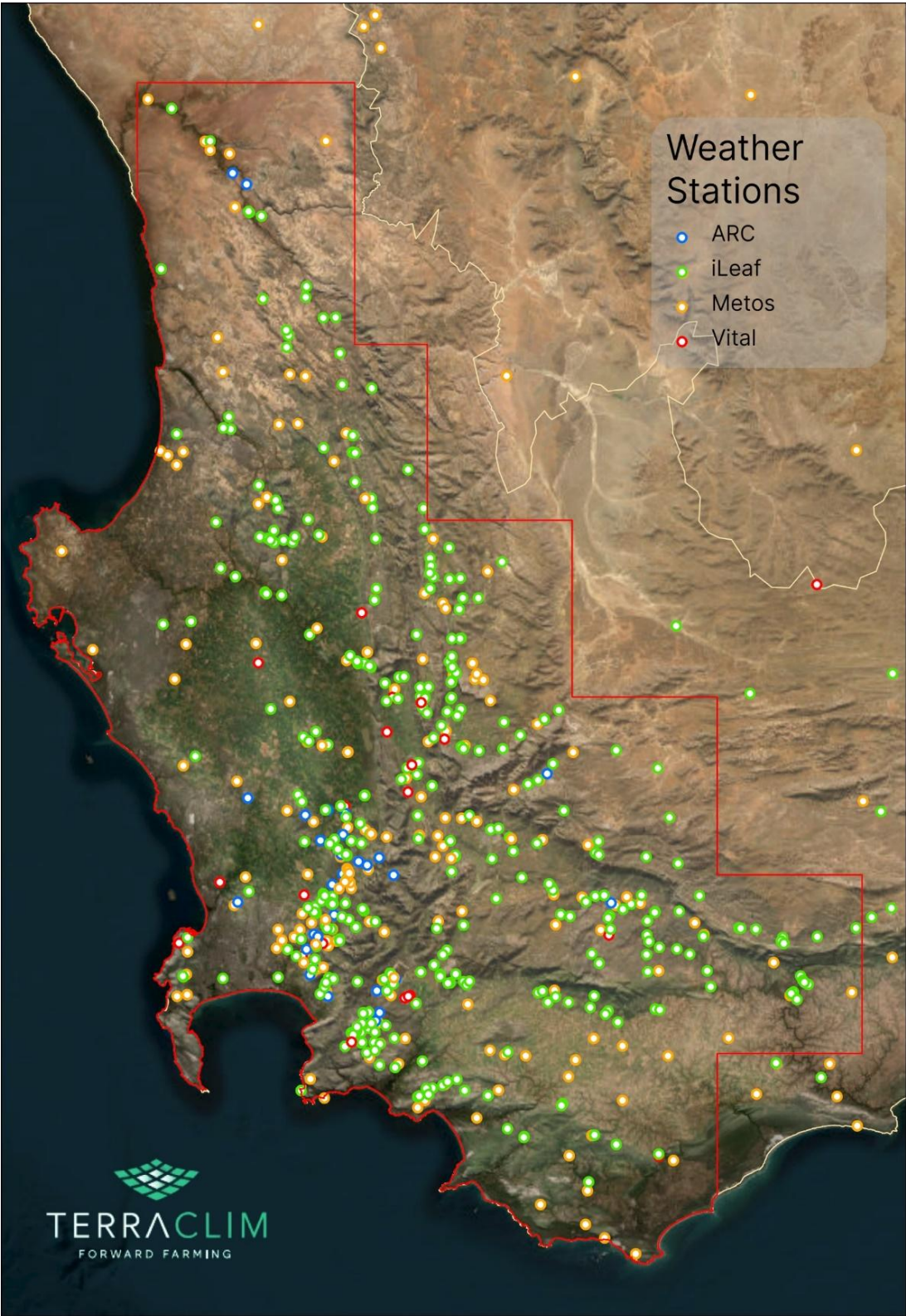
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Area	Station (2026)
Avontuur (Langkloof)	Avontuur
Elgin**	Beaulieu
Ermelo	Voorsorg
Franschhoek	La Motte
Greyton	Greyton
Joubertina (Langkloof)	Joubertina
Koue Bokkeveld**	Bronaar Alto
Ladismith	R2C Ladismith
Misgund (Langkloof)**	JG Stewart
Montagu	Derdeheuvel /Baden
Nuy	La Motte Rivier
Piketberg	Moutonsvalley
Robertson**	La Colline
Simondium	Simonsvlei Landgoed
Stellenbosch	Kanonkop1
Tulbagh	Waveren Berries
Villiersdorp	Villiersdorp
Vrystaat	Lettie
Vyeboom**	Graymead
Waterberg	Waterberg berries
WBV - Noord	Lushof Kantoor
WBV - Suid**	Edenville cirrus50
Wellington**	Olyvenboom
Wolseley	Platvlei

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