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HU and GDD for March 2026

Cumulative HU and GDD from July – March 2026



Temperature

TEMPERATURE & RAINFALL FOR 1 – 31 MARCH: 2025/26

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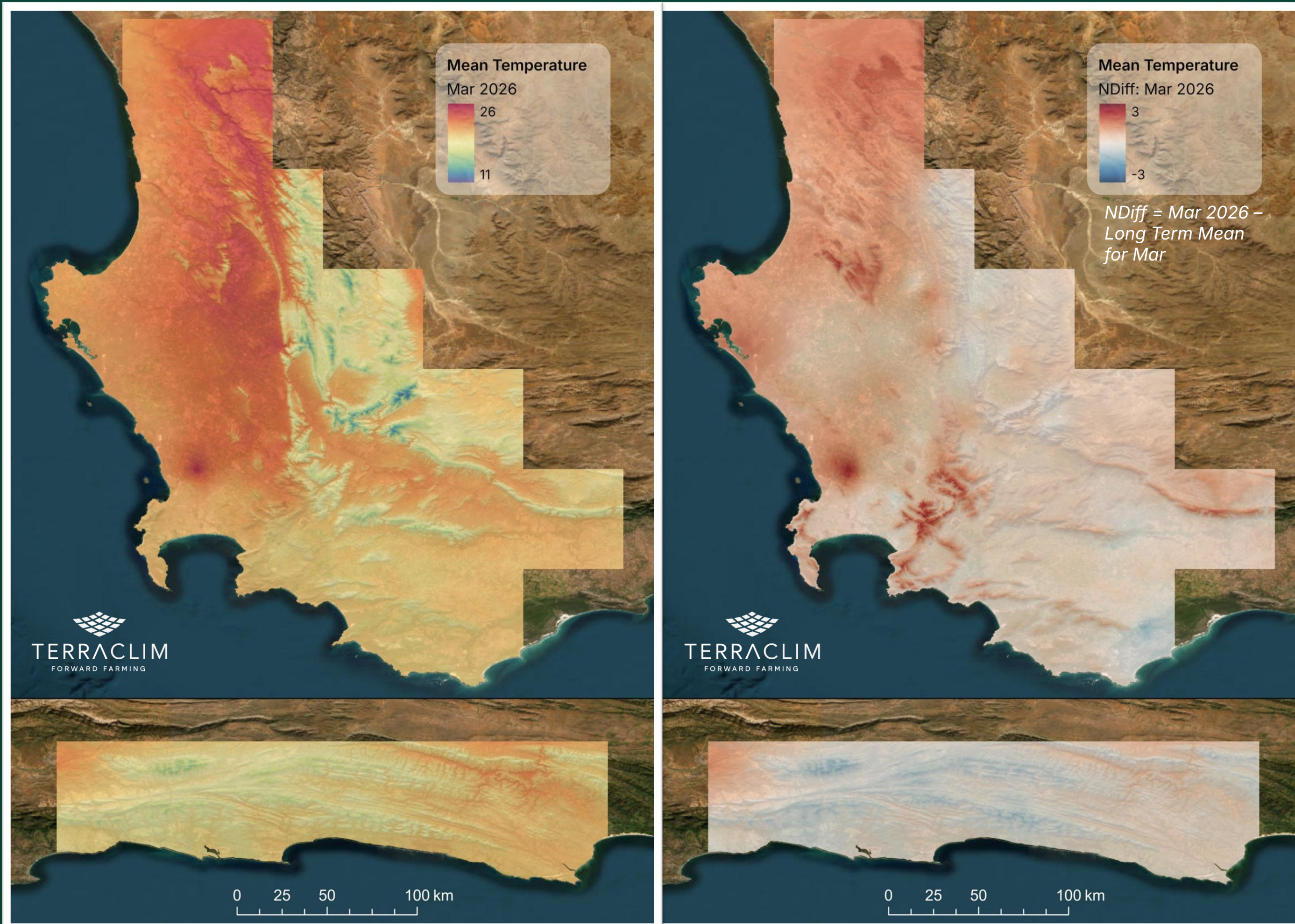
Area	Average Temperature				Maximum Temperature				Minimum Temperature				Avg Daily Maximum Temp				Avg Daily Minimum Temp				Total Rainfall			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	18,5	17,7	-0,8	▼	34,4	35,2	0,8	▲	5,7	3,9	-1,8	▼	25,9	25,5	-0,4	▼	12,7	10,7	-2	▼	59	68	9	▲
Elgin**	20,3	18	-2,3	▼	36,5	35,2	-1,3	▼	12,4	5,6	-6,8	▼	26	24,8	-1,2	▼	16,5	11,2	-5,3	▼	19	34	15	▲
Ermelo	17,9	17,4	-0,5	▼	28,2	26,4	-1,8	▼	11,8	8,5	-3,3	▼	23,2	22,7	-0,5	▼	14,3	13,8	-0,5	▼	102	117	15	▲
Franschhoek	22,8	22,7	-0,1	▼	38,8	40,9	2,1	▲	13	10,3	-2,7	▼	29,4	29,6	0,2	▲	17,8	17	-0,8	▼	18	23	5	▲
Greyton	21,6	21	-0,6	▼	40,7	41,5	0,8	▲	11,1	9,6	-1,5	▼	29,4	30,1	0,7	▲	16,2	12,1	-4,1	▼	11	12	1	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	20,6	20,4	-0,2	▼	36,1	38	1,9	▲	10,2	7,4	-2,8	▼	28	28,3	0,3	▲	14,6	13,9	-0,7	▼	40	21	-19	▼
Koue Bokkeveld**	19,1	18,8	-0,3	▼	32,3	34,8	2,5	▲	6,3	1,7	-4,6	▼	26,5	26,7	0,2	▲	11,9	10,4	-1,5	▼	62	18	-44	▼
Ladismith	21,4	21	-0,4	▼	36	36,9	0,9	▲	11,7	8,4	-3,3	▼	28,3	28,2	-0,1	▼	16,2	14,8	-1,4	▼	31	8	-23	▼
Misgund (Langkloof)**	19	18,1	-0,9	▼	34,5	37	2,5	▲	7,7	3,5	-4,2	▼	25,4	26,3	0,9	▲	14,1	10,7	-3,4	▼	55	43	-12	▼
Montagu	22,8	22,1	-0,7	▼	40,4	42,4	2	▲	9,6	8,5	-1,1	▼	31,3	31,3	0	-	16	14	-2	▼	39	33	-6	▼
Nuy	21,5	21	-0,5	▼	39	40,1	1,1	▲	6,6	2,7	-3,9	▼	29,9	29,8	-0,1	▼	13,7	12,3	-1,4	▼	20	5	-15	▼
Piketberg	20,4	20,8	0,4	▲	35,8	39,2	3,4	▲	8,7	4,6	-4,1	▼	28,1	29,1	1	▲	13,4	12,4	-1	▼	47	26	-21	▼
Robertson**	22,1	20,3	-1,8	▼	37,7	41,1	3,4	▲	10,7	8,5	-2,2	▼	29,2	30,1	0,9	▲	14,1	12,9	-1,2	▼	13	16	3	▲
Simondium	22,5	22,4	-0,1	▼	39	40,1	1,1	▲	12,6	9	-3,6	▼	28,8	29,1	0,3	▲	17,6	16,6	-1	▼	14	23	9	▲
Stellenbosch	21,9	21,3	-0,6	▼	39,2	41,4	2,2	▲	12	10,3	-1,7	▼	29,3	29,6	0,3	▲	15,9	13,8	-2,1	▼	26	18	-8	▼
Tulbagh	22	21,8	-0,2	▼	37,7	40,2	2,5	▲	9,8	6,9	-2,9	▼	29,5	30,2	0,7	▲	15,9	14,4	-1,5	▼	29	33	4	▲
Villiersdorp	21,3	20,5	-0,8	▼	36,8	37,7	0,9	▲	10,4	8,2	-2,2	▼	27,9	27,3	-0,6	▼	16,1	14,3	-1,8	▼	15	48	33	▲
Vrystaat	17,8	17,1	-0,7	▼	29,1	29,1	0	-	10,5	6,8	-3,7	▼	24	25,3	1,3	▲	13,4	11	-2,4	▼	82	108	26	▲
Vyeboom**	19,4	20,2	0,8	▲	34,4	39,2	4,8	▲	10,8	7,9	-2,9	▼	25,7	27,8	2,1	▲	14,6	13,6	-1	▼	13	19	6	▲
Waterberg	21,1	20,8	-0,3	▼	31,7	30,2	-1,5	▼	13,8	12,1	-1,7	▼	26,6	25,8	-0,8	▼	17	17,3	0,3	▲	16	124	108	▲
WBV - Noord	21,7	21,3	-0,4	▼	36,9	41,4	4,5	▲	9	5,4	-3,6	▼	30,2	31,8	1,6	▲	13,9	12,3	-1,6	▼	35	22	-13	▼
WBV - Suid**	21,8	20,8	-1	▼	39,5	39,4	-0,1	▼	8	5	-3	▼	30,5	30,5	0	-	13,4	11,6	-1,8	▼	27	25	-2	▼
Wellington**	24,1	22,2	-1,9	▼	39,5	42,7	3,2	▲	13,2	9,8	-3,4	▼	31	32,2	1,2	▲	18,7	14,9	-3,8	▼	18	23	5	▲
Wolseley	22,4	22,4	0	-	38,1	40,1	2	▲	11,6	5,9	-5,7	▼	29,7	32,2	2,5	▲	16,9	14,1	-2,8	▼	31	16	-15	▼



MEAN TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for March 2026 ranged between 11 - 26°C. The West Coast, Langeberg and Breede River areas exhibited higher mean temperatures.

Generally, conditions were warmer this March with a slight increase in mean temperature ($\sim 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$). The Langkloof region remained relatively cooler, showing only a marginal rise of about $\sim 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$.





Rainfall





RAINFALL

The cumulative monthly rainfall for March 2026 ranged between 0 - 165 mm. This rainfall largely concentrated over the Langkloof, averaging ~90 mm compared to ~37 mm in the Cape.

Compared to the long-term average, March 2026 was wetter than usual, with rainfall increasing by ~9 mm, mainly over the Langkloof area.



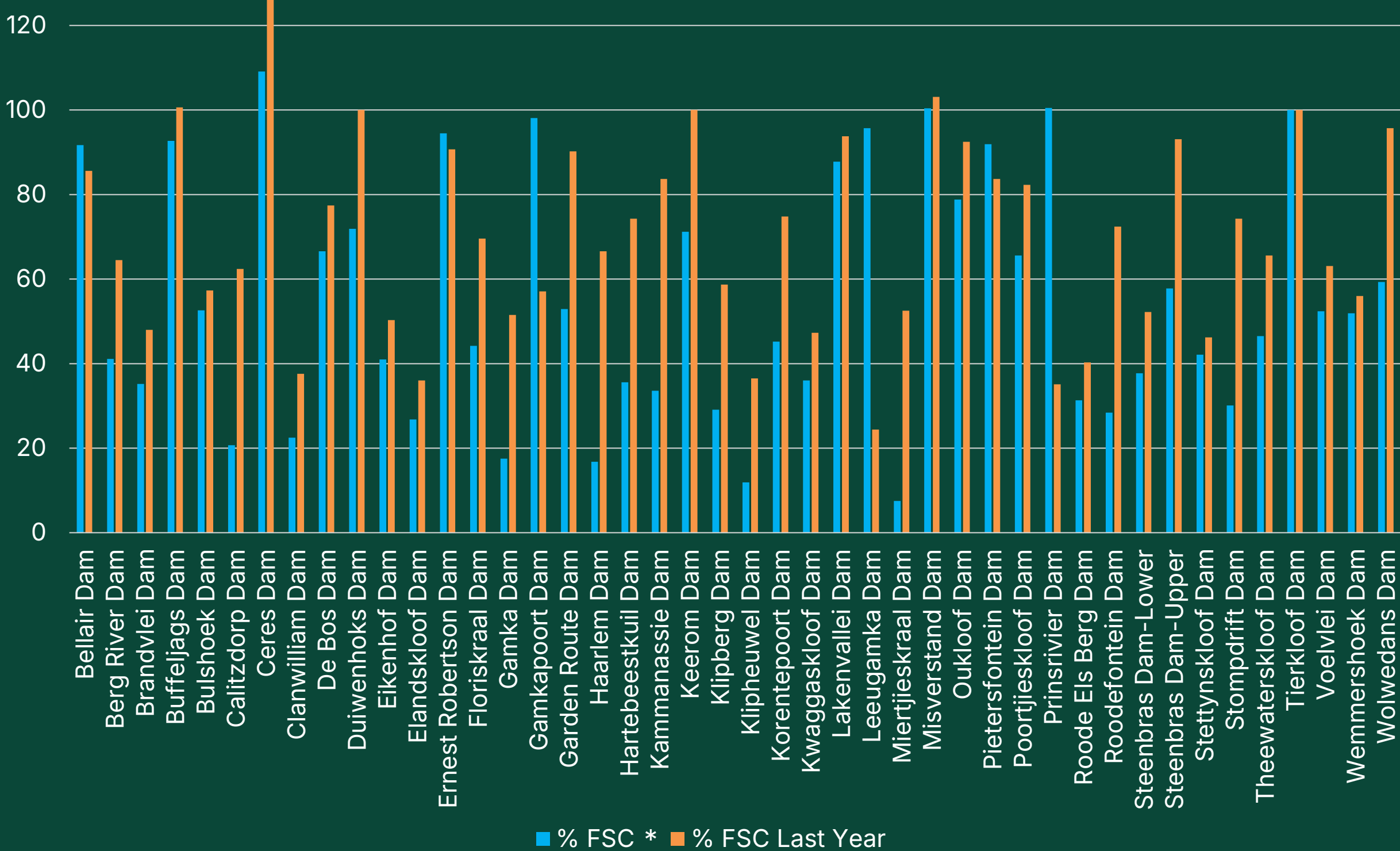
Current Level:

46% as of March 30th, 2026. Last year, this time, dam levels were sitting at 61%.

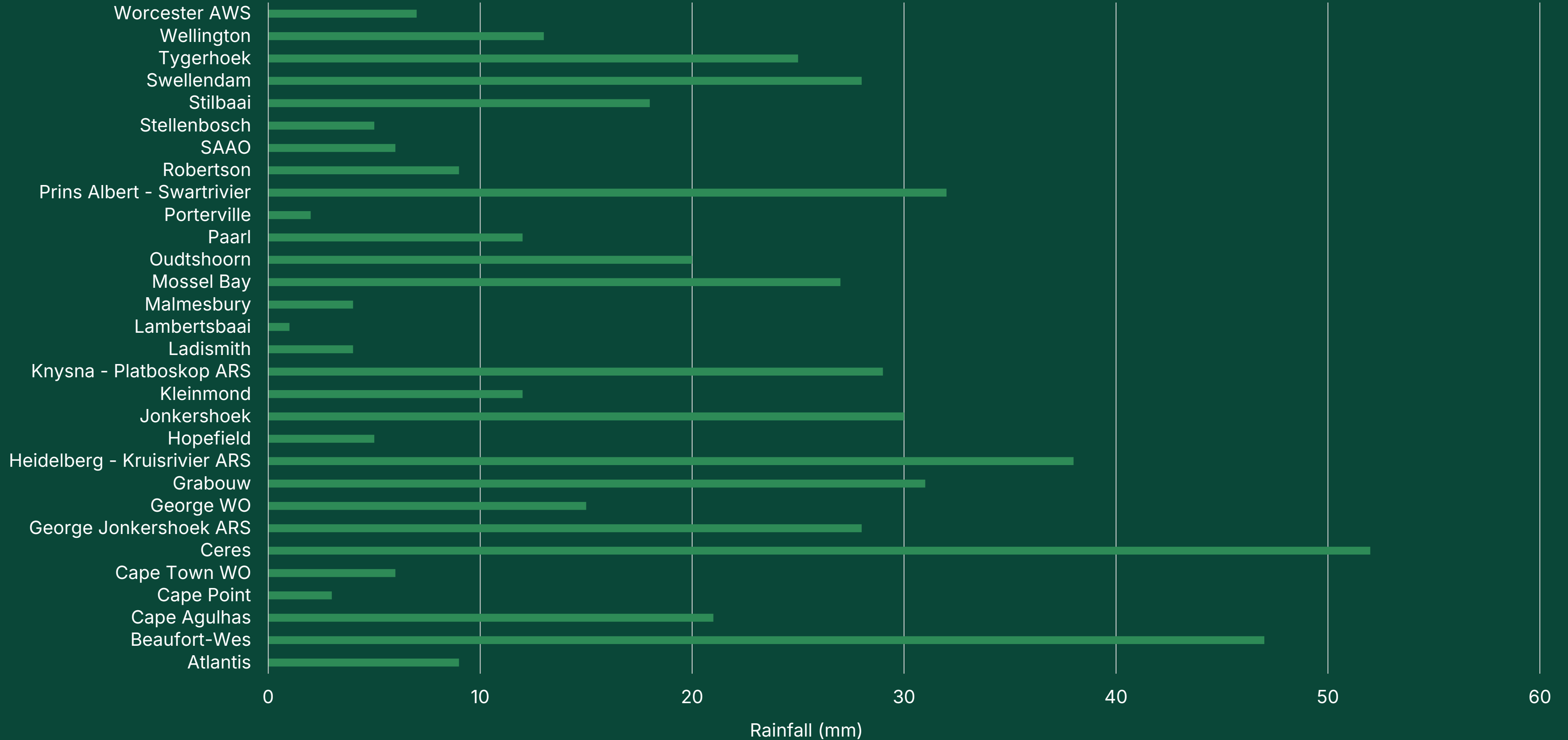
This data is sourced from the Department of Water and Sanitation.



State of Western Cape Dams



*Full Supply Capacity





Heat Units and Growing Degree Days



MONTHLY HEAT UNITS (HU) & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (GDD) for 1 - 31 MARCH: 2025/26

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Area	GDD				HEAT UNITS			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	289	251	-38	▼	6365	5897	-468	▼
Elgin**	274	249	-25	▼	6442	6085	-357	▼
Ermelo	272	256	-16	▼	5871	5527	-344	▼
Franschhoek	422	414	-8	▼	9514	9482	-32	▼
Greyton	397	343	-54	▼	8635	8277	-358	▼
Joubertina (Langkloof)	351	343	-8	▼	7879	7732	-147	▼
Koue Bokkeveld**	291	265	-26	▼	7180	6724	-456	▼
Ladismith	379	357	-22	▼	8472	8191	-281	▼
Misgund (Langkloof)**	297	263	-34	▼	6620	6162	-458	▼
Montagu	423	392	-31	▼	9545	8995	-550	▼
Nuy	365	343	-22	▼	8520	8331	-189	▼
Piketberg	332	334	2	▲	7773	8099	326	▲
Robertson**	397	357	-40	▼	8982	7685	-1297	▼
Simondium	409	398	-11	▼	9307	9233	-74	▼
Stellenbosch	390	364	-26	▼	8857	8400	-457	▼
Tulbagh	395	381	-14	▼	8949	8826	-123	▼
Villiersdorp	372	335	-37	▼	8429	7806	-623	▼
Vrystaat	270	252	-18	▼	5775	5325	-450	▼
Vyeboom**	357	331	-26	▼	7999	7615	-384	▼
Waterberg	366	357	-9	▼	8234	8035	-199	▼
WBV - Noord	374	374	0	-	8713	8485	-228	▼
WBV - Suid**	372	342	-30	▼	8810	8150	-660	▼
Wellington**	423	421	-2	▼	9068	9051	-17	▼
Wolseley	413	409	-4	▼	9241	9263	22	▲

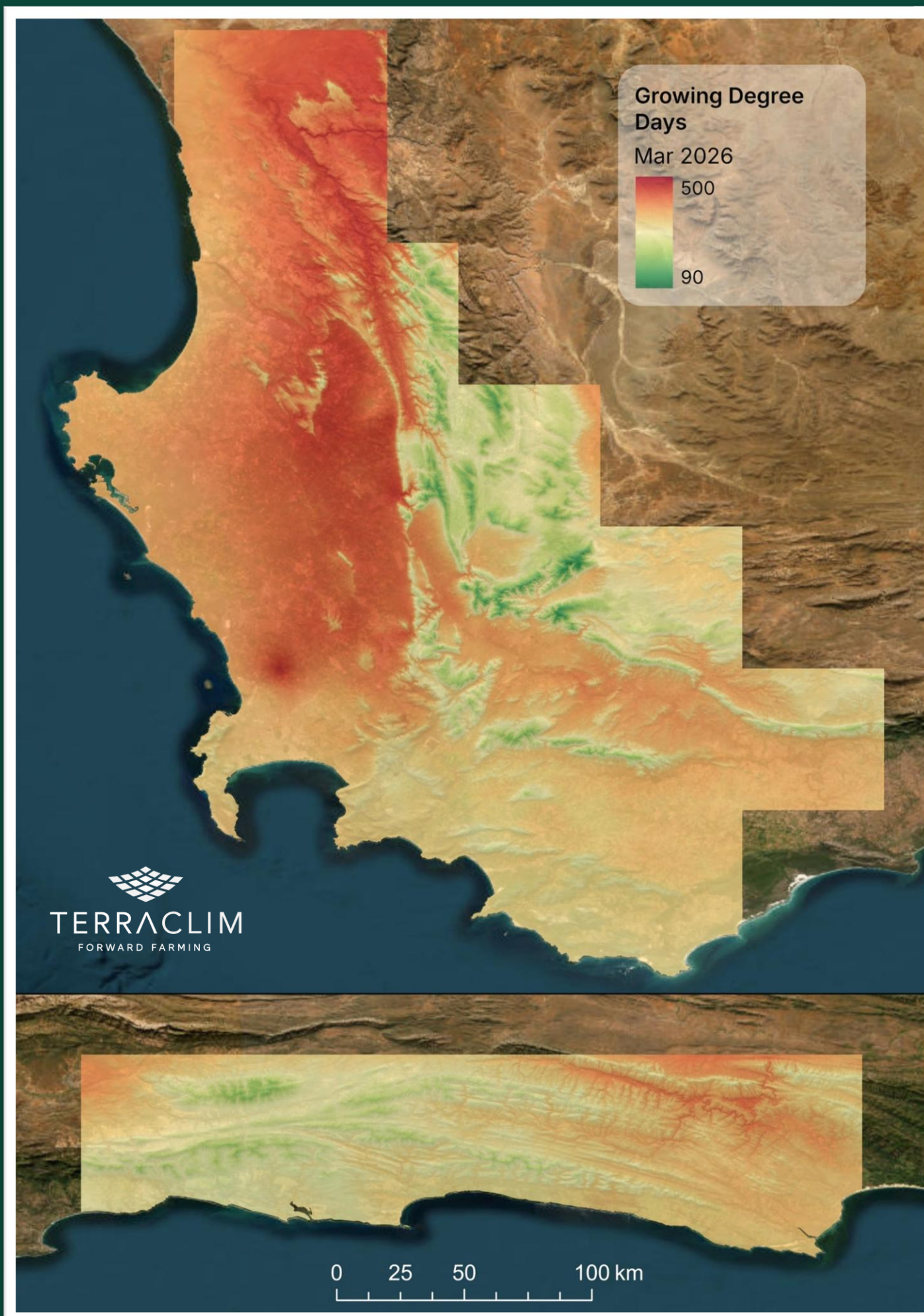


HEAT UNITS (MARCH 2026)



The heat units (HU) for March 2026 ranged between 5 000 - 13 000 HU. This accumulation was largely concentrated over the coastal Overberg and Langkloof regions, as well as the City of Cape Town.

Generally, a decrease in HU was observed in March 2026 (~390), with the Langkloof region experiencing a decrease of ~206 and the Cape a decrease of ~570.



GROWING DEGREE DAYS (MARCH 2026)



The growing degree days for March 2026 ranged between 90 – 500 GDD.

Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape generally experienced more growing degree days (~20 GDD) during this period, with the West Coast, Cape Winelands and City of Cape Town seeing the largest increases in growing degree days.

ACCUMULATED HEAT UNITS (HU) & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (GDD) for 1 JULY - 31 MARCH: 2025/26

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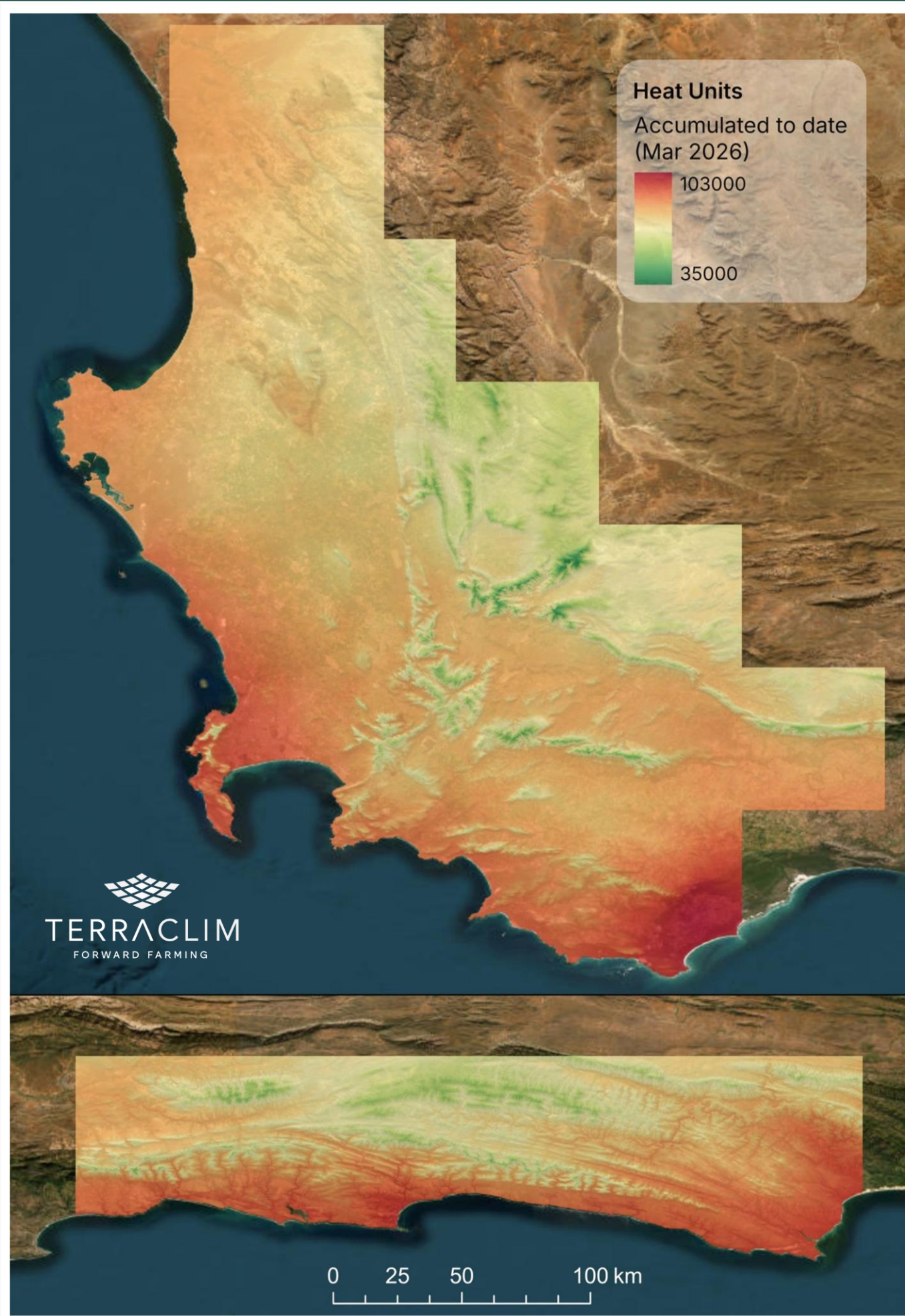
Area	GDD				HEAT UNITS			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	1221	1309	88	▲	34241	36424	2183	▲
Elgin**	1849	1529	-320	▼	42513	41669	-844	▼
Ermelo	2115	1896	-219	▼	48823	42759	-6064	▼
Franschhoek	2494	2750	256	▲	57438	62547	5109	▲
Greyton	2270	2390	120	▲	51989	56086	4097	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	1846	2058	212	▲	45692	49830	4138	▲
Koue Bokkeveld**	1283	1519	236	▲	40088	46356	6268	▲
Ladismith	2192	2326	134	▲	51641	54506	2865	▲
Misgund (Langkloof)**	1450	1400	-50	▼	37116	39767	2651	▲
Montagu	2381	2509	128	▲	58063	61672	3609	▲
Nuy	2028	2198	170	▲	53508	57860	4352	▲
Piketberg	1822	2011	189	▲	47453	52982	5529	▲
Robertson**	2303	2463	160	▲	58511	59187	676	▲
Simondium	2389	2613	224	▲	55469	60729	5260	▲
Stellenbosch	2194	2415	221	▲	52697	56831	4134	▲
Tulbagh	2295	2417	122	▲	54895	58677	3782	▲
Villiersdorp	2111	2233	122	▲	49258	51972	2714	▲
Vrystaat	1926	1814	-112	▼	46324	40807	-5517	▼
Vyeboom**	2048	2233	185	▲	47885	51912	4027	▲
Waterberg	3045	2720	-325	▼	72210	64239	-7971	▼
WBV - Noord	1968	2301	333	▲	52182	58915	6733	▲
WBV - Suid**	1884	2144	260	▲	51244	56761	5517	▲
Wellington**	2786	2706	-80	▼	65044	60003	-5041	▼
Wolseley	2459	2624	165	▲	56552	61672	5120	▲



ACCUMULATED HEAT UNITS (MARCH 2026)

The accumulated heat units to date (March 2026) ranged between 35 000 – 103 000 HU. Accumulation was concentrated over the City of Cape Town, Overberg and coastal Langkloof areas.

A decrease in HU accumulation was observed during this period for the Cape (~170 HU), while the Langkloof experienced an above-average accumulation (~2380 HU).

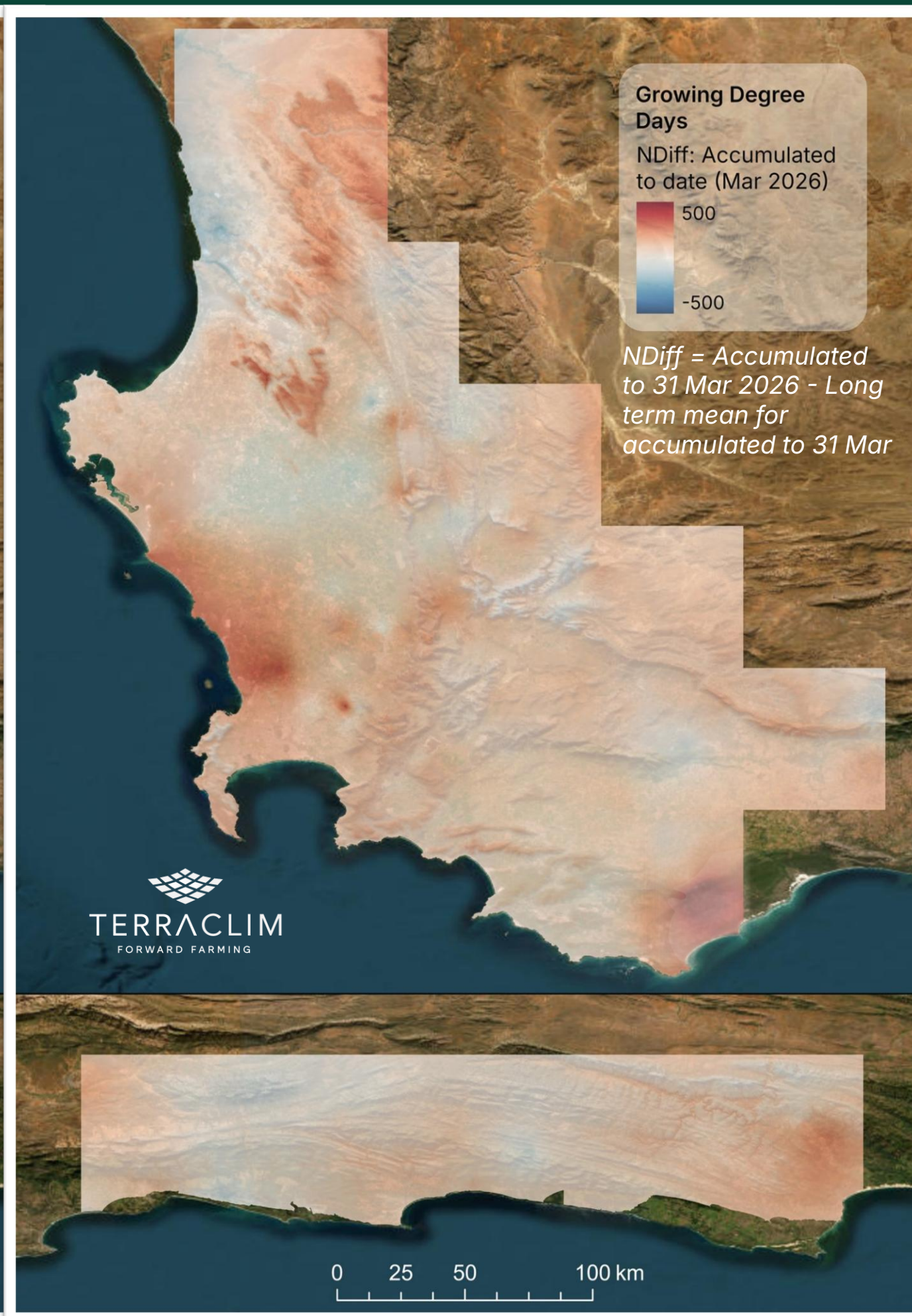
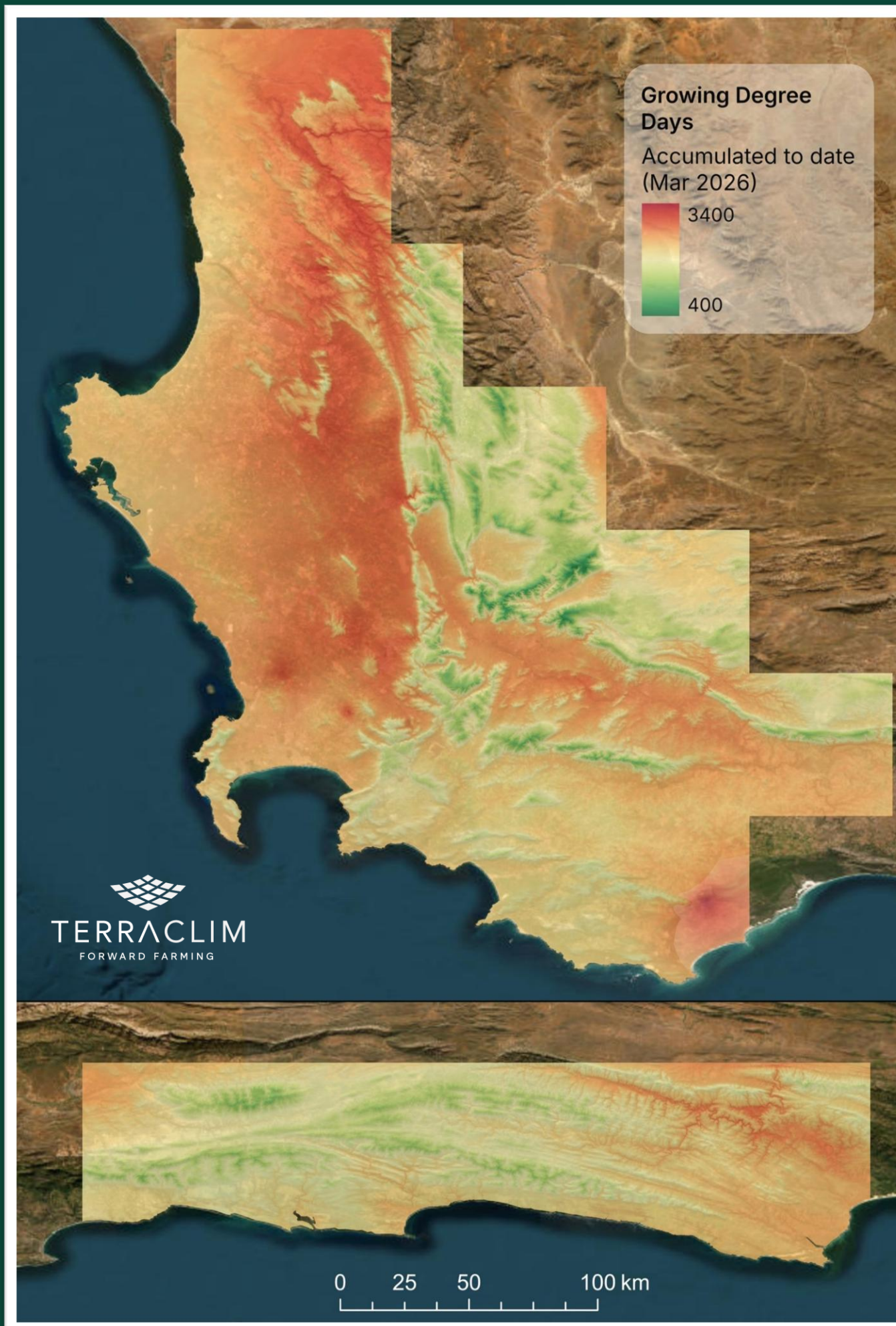




ACCUMULATED GROWING DEGREE DAYS (MARCH 2026)

The accumulated growing days to date (March 2026) ranged between 400 – 3400 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 ~95 GDD during this period.



Stations used in this report (1 - 31 March): 2025/26

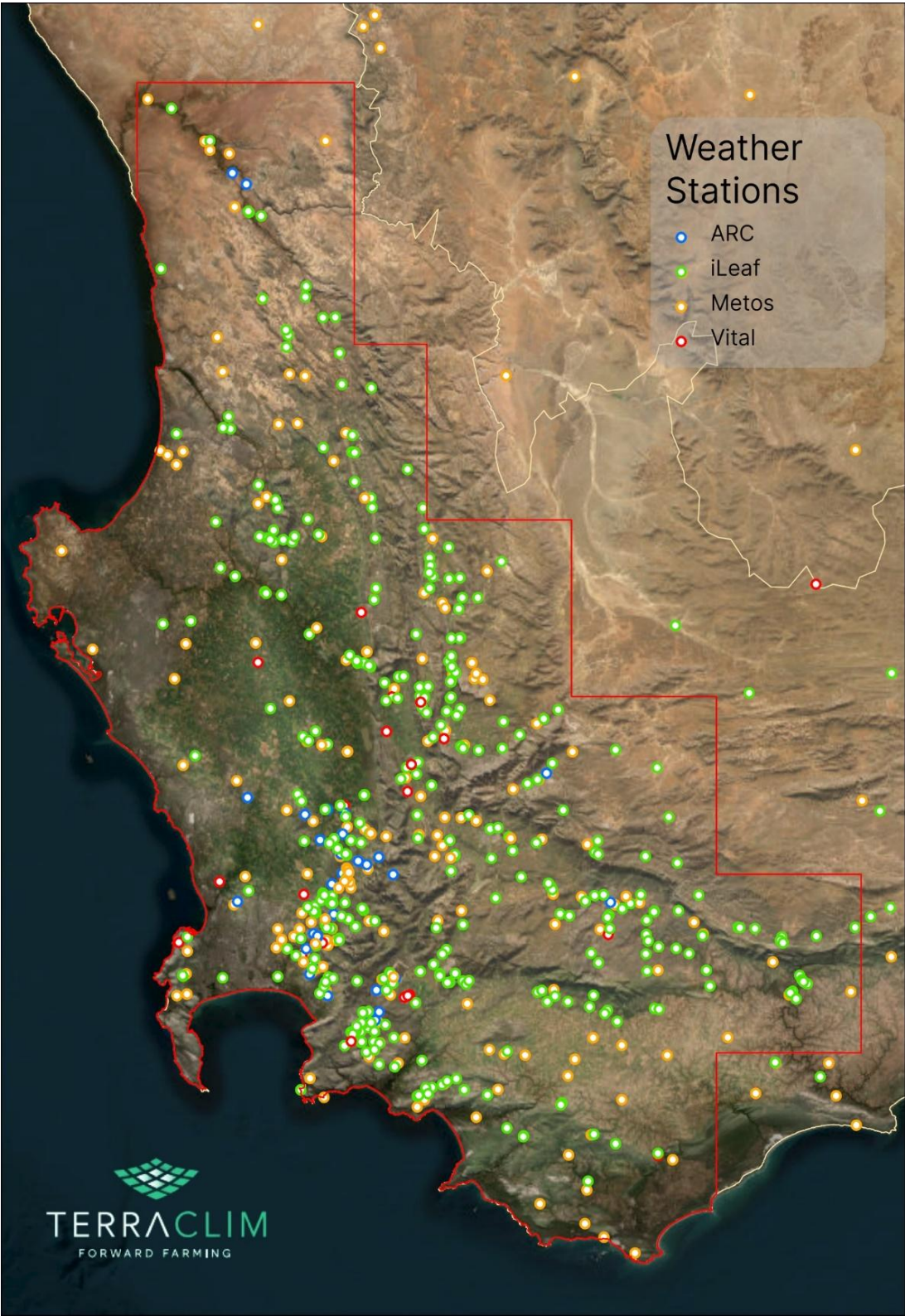
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Area	Station (2026)
Avontuur (Langkloof)	Avontuur
Elgin**	Beaulieu
Ermelo	Voorsorg
Franschhoek	La Motte
Greyton	Greyton
Joubertina (Langkloof)	Joubertina
Koue Bokkeveld**	Bronaar Alto
Ladismith	R2C Ladismith
Misgund (Langkloof)**	JG Stewart
Montagu	Derdeheuwel/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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