



Production areas

Subtropical fruit is categorised as fleshy fruit (bananas, avocados, litchis, kiwi fruit, mangoes, guavas, pineapples, papayas and granadillas) and nuts (cashew, macadamia, pecan, almonds and walnuts). Each fruit has various cultivars, which have different harvesting dates.

Main production areas

Although the main production areas in South Africa are Limpopo, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal provinces, other fruit types such as granadillas, guavas and pineapples are also grown in the Western Cape and the Eastern Cape, respectively.

Climatic requirements

Subtropical fruit types require warmer conditions and are sensitive to frost and large fluctuations in temperatures.

Their optimum growth temperature ranges between 23 and 29°C. In South Africa, there is only a subtropical climate, therefore, in cases where fruit crops require a tropical climate, they are grown in subtropical areas because both climates are basically the same. The only difference lies in their rainfall distribution.

Harvesting period

The table below indicates the availability of subtropical fruit:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Banana												
Avocado												
Litchie												
Kiwi												
Mangoes												
Pineapples												
Papaya												
Guavas												
Macadamia												
Pecan nut												

Reference

www.safuitfarms.com and www.subtrop.co.za

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