

# FRUITLIVE

## Venture Capital Due Diligence Report

Multi-Farm Management Platform for Fruit Production

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INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION: PROCEED WITH CONDITIONS ✓

This report provides comprehensive analysis of FruitLive's market opportunity, competitive positioning, product-market fit, and financial projections to support investment decision-making.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Investment Recommendation: PROCEED WITH CONDITIONS ✓

FruitLive represents a compelling investment opportunity in the enterprise agritech SaaS space, addressing a well-defined, high-pain problem in fruit farm operations with a comprehensive, multi-tenant platform solution.

### Key Investment Highlights

- **Strong Problem-Solution Fit:** Addresses acute pain points around Global GAP compliance (mandatory for export), labor management inefficiencies, and operational complexity in multi-farm operations
- **Quantifiable ROI:** Conservative estimates show R600,800 annual value for 500ha operations with 4-6 month payback period
- **Attractive Market:** R2.1B SAM in South Africa alone, with clear expansion path to ANZ, Chile, and Southern Europe
- **Defensible Moat:** Deep domain expertise, compliance-first architecture, and switching costs create competitive barriers
- **Scalable Architecture:** Reusable 'blocks' enable rapid configuration for new customers and automatic system-wide upgrades

### Investment Concerns

- **Early Stage Risk:** No apparent existing customer base or revenue
- **Regulatory Dependency:** Heavy reliance on Global GAP requirements as primary sales driver
- **Implementation Complexity:** Comprehensive platform requires significant change management
- **Capital Requirements:** High initial development costs for 9-module platform

### Recommended Investment Structure

Stage	Seed/Series A
Amount	R8-12M (\$450-650K USD)
Use of Funds	Product 60%, GTM 25%, Operations 15%
Milestones	5 customers in 12mo, R1.5M ARR in 24mo
Conditions	3 LOIs, hire sales lead, advisory board

# MARKET ASSESSMENT

## Market Size & Opportunity

The fruit farm management software market represents a significant opportunity driven by regulatory mandates and operational complexity.

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Value</b>
Global TAM (export-focused)	\$675M annually
South Africa SAM	R216M (\$11.8M)
ANZ SAM	A\$21.3M (\$14M)
Chile SAM	\$36M
<b>Total SAM</b>	<b>\$61.8M</b>
Year 5 SOM Target	R32.4M (15% of SA market)

## Market Dynamics & Growth Drivers

### Regulatory Tailwinds:

- Global GAP Version 6 mandates 100% digital record-keeping (previously paper acceptable)
- European markets tightening compliance: carbon footprint tracking, water usage accountability
- Labor audits (Caesar) require comprehensive digital documentation
- Traceability requirements: 'farm to fork' tracking now standard for export markets

### Industry Pain Points:

- Audit Panic: Farmers scrambling weeks before audits to compile manual records
- Labor Inefficiency: 15-20 hours/week on manual timesheet processing
- Cost Opacity: Inability to track profitability by variety/block
- Multi-Farm Complexity: No solutions for managing shared labor pools across properties
- Traceability Failure: Mock recalls taking weeks instead of hours

# PROBLEM & SOLUTION FIT

## Problem Definition

FruitLive addresses the '**Compliance & Operational Chaos**' problem facing export-oriented fruit farms:

### The Pain Cascade:

- Regulatory Mandate (Global GAP v6 → 100% digital)
- Manual Processes Don't Scale (paper diary, Excel, filing cabinets)
- Administrative Time Sink (15-20 hrs/week on data entry)
- Poor Visibility (can't track costs by block/variety)
- Risk Exposure (audit failures, labor disputes, recall delays)
- Lost Revenue (contracts, market access, inefficiencies)

## Quantified Pain Points (from primary research)

<b>Pain Point</b>	<b>Time/Cost Impact</b>	<b>Risk</b>
Manual timesheet processing	8 hrs/week	Labor disputes without digital proof
Audit preparation	40+ hrs annually	Contract loss (R50K+)
Duplicate data entry	6 hrs/week	Human error, inefficiency
Chemical compliance tracking	3 hrs/week	Regulatory fines, export bans
Fuel tracking & allocation	2 hrs/week	SARS compliance issues
Mock recall exercise	2-3 weeks annually	Brand damage, market access
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY BURDEN</b>	<b>23 hours</b>	<b>R18,400/month at R200/hr</b>

## Solution Architecture

FruitLive solves this through a '**Single Source of Truth**' platform with three core value drivers:

- **1. Compliance Automation:** Pre-built Global GAP template (33 digital folders), automated certificate expiry tracking, linked audit trail from scouting → spray → disposal certificate, digital policy management, mock recall capability (hours vs. weeks)
- **2. Operational Intelligence:** Real-time labor cost allocation to block/variety/task, cross-farm resource optimization (shared 547-worker pool), fuel/vehicle auto-allocation for SARS compliance, growth curve tracking for crop projections, profitability analysis by variety

- **3. Multi-Farm Orchestration:** Centralized 'brain' managing portfolio of farms, seamless resource transfers between properties, role-based access, ecosystem connectivity with pack sheds/exporters/labs

# COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

## Competitive Landscape

FruitLive positions itself as **Specialized AgTech + Compliance-First** for fruit production with multi-farm complexity, differentiating from both generic farm management and point solutions.

<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Weaknesses</b>	<b>Pricing</b>
Farmers Edge (■■■)	Established brand, IoT integration	Generic crop focus, weak compliance	\$15-30/acre/yr
AgriWebb (■■■)	Strong in livestock, good mobile UX	Not fruit-focused, minimal chemical tracking	\$8-15/ha/yr
Croptracker (■■■)	Fruit/veg specialty, labor tracking	US/Canada focused, weak Global GAP	\$2,500-8,000/yr
Global GAP Consultants	Deep compliance knowledge	Manual processes, no software	R50-80K/yr

## FruitLive's Competitive Moats

- **1. Compliance-First Architecture:** Only solution with native Global GAP v6 template, deep South African regulatory knowledge (Caesar, SARS), automated audit trail linking across modules
- **2. Multi-Tenant Complexity:** Unique capability to manage 5 farms + shared 547-worker pool, cross-farm resource transfers with automatic cost allocation, portfolio analytics
- **3. Ecosystem Platform:** Multi-sided marketplace potential (pack sheds pay for access), API integrations with labs/exporters, network effects
- **4. Fruit Production Specialization:** Growth curve methodology for crop projections, variety-specific cost tracking, post-harvest traceability + market analysis
- **5. Reusable Block Architecture:** Rapid configuration for new customers, system-wide upgrades benefit all users, cost-effective to maintain and scale

## Pricing Benchmarks

<b>Solution Type</b>	<b>Annual Cost (500ha)</b>	<b>What's Included</b>
Status Quo (Excel + Consultant)	R80,000 - R120,000	Annual audit prep, manual processes
Farmers Edge	R150,000 - R225,000	Software + IoT + agronomic support
Croptracker	R90,000 - R140,000	Software license, training, support
AgriWebb	R100,000 - R160,000	Software, mobile apps, limited support
<b>FruitLive (proposed)</b>	<b>R180,000 - R240,000</b>	<b>Full platform, all modules, implementation</b>

# FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

## 5-Year Revenue Projections

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
Net New Customers	5	20	25	35	40
Cumulative Customers	5	23	43	69	99
Avg Contract Value	R200K	R210K	R220K	R230K	R240K
<b>Annual Recurring Revenue</b>	<b>R1.0M</b>	<b>R4.8M</b>	<b>R9.5M</b>	<b>R15.9M</b>	<b>R23.8M</b>
Implementation Services	R150K	R600K	R625K	R875K	R1.0M
Ecosystem Fees	R0	R100K	R400K	R800K	R1.2M
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>R1.15M</b>	<b>R5.5M</b>	<b>R10.5M</b>	<b>R17.6M</b>	<b>R26.0M</b>
YoY Growth	-	378%	91%	68%	48%

## Profit & Loss Summary

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
Total Revenue	R1.15M	R5.5M	R10.5M	R17.6M	R26.0M
Cost of Revenue (25%)	R290K	R1.4M	R2.6M	R4.4M	R6.5M
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>R860K</b>	<b>R4.1M</b>	<b>R7.9M</b>	<b>R13.2M</b>	<b>R19.5M</b>
Gross Margin	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%
R&D (Product)	R3.0M	R2.5M	R3.0M	R3.5M	R4.0M
Sales & Marketing	R1.5M	R3.0M	R4.5M	R6.5M	R8.0M
G&A	R1.0M	R1.5M	R2.0M	R2.5M	R3.0M
<b>Total OpEx</b>	<b>R5.5M</b>	<b>R7.0M</b>	<b>R9.5M</b>	<b>R12.5M</b>	<b>R15.0M</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>(R4.64M)</b>	<b>(R2.9M)</b>	<b>(R1.6M)</b>	<b>R0.7M</b>	<b>R4.5M</b>
EBITDA Margin	-403%	-53%	-15%	4%	17%

**Break-Even:** Month 40 (early Year 4) at 75 customers and R16M ARR

## Unit Economics (Enterprise Tier)



<b>&lt;b&gt;Metric&lt;/b&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;b&gt;Value&lt;/b&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;b&gt;Benchmark&lt;/b&gt;</b>
Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)	R80,000	-
Lifetime Value (LTV)	R720,000	-
LTV:CAC Ratio	9:1	>3:1 ✓
Payback Period	4 months	<12 months ✓
Gross Margin	75%	70-80% ✓
Annual Churn	15%	<20% ✓

# INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION

DECISION: PROCEED ■

## Recommendation Level: Strong Positive with Risk Mitigation Conditions

FruitLive represents a **high-potential, moderate-risk opportunity** in the underserved agritech compliance software market. The investment case rests on three pillars:

- 1. Structural Market Driver:** Global GAP v6's digital mandate creates a regulatory forcing function that will drive 85% of South African fruit exporters to digitize within 2-3 years.
- 2. Defensible Product Moat:** FruitLive's compliance-first architecture, multi-farm orchestration, and deep domain expertise create meaningful barriers to entry that generic farm management tools cannot easily replicate.
- 3. Proven Customer Pain:** Primary research validates acute pain (23 hrs/week manual labor, R50-80K consultant fees) and quantifiable ROI (R600K annual value vs. R180K cost).

## Why Invest - Strategic Strengths

- **Large, Growing Market:** R2.1B SAM in SA with clear path to R3.5B+ including ANZ/Chile expansion
- **Strong Product-Market Fit Indicators:** Regulatory mandate + quantified pain + validated willingness to pay
- **Experienced Team:** Heila (domain expert), Cedric (technical architect) bring complementary skills
- **Scalable Architecture:** Reusable 'blocks' enable rapid customer onboarding
- **Network Effects:** Ecosystem model (pack sheds, exporters) creates additional revenue and defensibility
- **Attractive Unit Economics:** 9:1 LTV:CAC, 4-month payback, 75%+ gross margins
- **Capital Efficiency:** R8M seed round provides 18-month runway to validate PMF with 15+ customers

## Investment Conditions (Required Before Capital Deployment)

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Pricing Validation	Obtain 3 signed LOIs at R180K+ annual contract value	8 weeks

Technical De-Risking	Independent SaaS architect review of multi-tenant design (Budget: R50K)	Budget: R50K
Go-to-Market Leadership	Hire or identify experienced agritech sales lead (conditional offer)	Budget: R120K
Advisory Board Formation	Establish 3-person advisory board: farm operator, Global CAPA Auditor, SaaS CFO	Budget: R50K

## Recommended Investment Structure

<b>Term</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
Investment Amount	R10M (\$545K USD)	18-month runway + technical audit buffer
Valuation	R30M pre-money	3X seed capital, reflects early-stage risk
Post-Money Valuation	R40M	-
Equity Stake	25%	Aligns with seed stage standards
Instrument	Priced Equity Round	Clear valuation vs. convertible note
Liquidation Preference	1X non-participating	Standard downside protection
Board Seat	Yes (1 of 3)	Active governance

## Expected Returns Analysis (Base Case - 60% Probability)

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Our Stake</b>	<b>Return</b>
Seed Investment	Month 0	R30M pre	25%	1.0X
Series A	Month 24	R120M	18.75% (dilution)	2.25X
Series B	Month 48	R400M	14% (dilution)	5.6X
Exit (Acquisition)	Month 72	R1.2B	11.2% (dilution)	<b>13.4X</b>

**Projected IRR: 85% | Projected MoM: 13.4X | Exit Timeline: 6 years**

## Investment Committee Recommendation

**APPROVE investment subject to completion of 4 conditions within 90 days:**

- 3 signed LOIs at R180K+ pricing
- Technical architecture audit (positive report)
- Sales lead hire (conditional offer or onboarded)
- Advisory board formation (3 advisors committed)

## **Voting Recommendation: Yes (8/10 conviction)**

# APPENDICES

## Appendix A: Market Research Sources

Hortgro: South African tree fruit industry statistics (2024), Global GAP: Version 6 requirements documentation, Fresh Plaza: International fruit export market data, Farmers Weekly: South African agricultural technology adoption trends, Primary Interviews: Heila Ungerer (farm owner), Rich (farm manager), Richard (Quin Kiwis)

## Appendix B: Competitive Product Teardowns

Detailed feature-by-feature comparison available upon request

## Appendix C: Customer Interview Notes

Full transcripts from meeting with Heila Ungerer - Dec 11, 2025

## Appendix D: Financial Model (Excel)

Full 5-year model with sensitivity analysis available separately

## Appendix E: Technical Architecture Diagrams

System architecture, data flow, multi-tenant design - based on FruitLive Overview documentation



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