

Vacancy: FruitLook TechCoach

What is FruitLook?

FruitLook (www.fruitlook.co.za) is an open access online platform to monitor fruit crops as well as other crops, utilizing satellite imagery and local weather information. Data products describing growth, water use and nitrogen are available to the farmer *via* this website. We believe a well-informed farmer makes better decisions in farm resource management, especially in using water efficiently. FruitLook is available to virtually every farmer in the Western Cape, which means it has the potential to improve water use efficiency at an unprecedented scale.

What are you going to do?

As FruitLook TechCoach you will be in direct contact with FruitLook users. You will provide proactive support to various user groups including farmers, consultants, agricultural industries, exporters and pack house groups. This will require travelling throughout the Western Cape to visit them on-site. Your support to users will involve assisting in translating FruitLook data into farm management actions. Knowledge of crop production and on-farm decision making is therefore a big bonus. You will be required to provide FruitLook training and promote FruitLook at formal meetings and events. You will closely collaborate with and form part of the “FruitLook team”, which consists of local experts and Dutch high-tech company eLEAF.

What do we expect?

- BSc or MSc qualification related to agricultural production (horticulture, viticulture, agronomy, soil science, etc.)
- Ability to work independently.
- Good verbal (also in public) and written communication.
- You are living in the Western Cape, you have a valid SA drivers' license and own transport.
- Prior experience of the following will be considered a plus in the selection process:
 - Consultation of farmers and familiarity with their decision making.
 - Working with spatial datasets gained from satellite, drone or other sensors.

What do we offer?

- An opportunity to work at the forefront of technological development in the agricultural sector.
- An international business environment working together with Dutch high-tech company eLEAF.
- A market related salary and additional travel allowance.

Practicalities:

- Applications will be accepted until Wednesday 19 July 2017. We require a cover letter together with your CV. To directly apply or for more information, please contact us at cjarmain@gmail.com or maurits.voogt@eleaf.com.
- The contract position is initially for 1 year. Start of employment preferably in September 2017.