

Success Story

De Keur Group bears fruit with Sage

De Keur Group uses Sage 300 People to automate payroll processes and speed up management reporting across three businesses.

De Keur Group is a family-run agricultural company based in the Western Cape. They are one of South Africa's top producers of high-quality fruits and vegetables. The group operates three companies: De Keur Estates, which manages four commercial farms; De Keur Packaging, the packing facility; and De Keur Marketing.

Realising that their legacy desktop payroll solution could no longer meet the needs of a growing company, HR Manager Johan du Plessis started to evaluate new solutions. Sage 300 People has everything the company was looking for, from task automation and reporting to the integration of business operations. Their Sage solution also offers industry-specific capabilities for agribusiness, and can keep up with the De Keur Group's plans for rapid growth.



Key outcomes

- Automated tasks, including importing earnings and deductions
- Real-time view of payroll processes
- Efficient management reporting
- Weekly and monthly payroll management, across three companies, from one solution

Company

De Keur Group

Location

Western Cape, South Africa

Industry

Agriculture

Partner

AWCape

Sage Products

Sage 300 People



About De Keur Group

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The Sage logo, consisting of the word 'Sage' in a bold, sans-serif font.



Before Sage, De Keur Group would execute many tasks manually, which proved time-consuming across three companies.

Comparing apples and oranges

Being a growing business with multiple entities the De Keur Group has mountains of employee, payroll and financial data to capture, manage and analyse. Johan says that COVID-19 lockdowns made it even more challenging to track and manage operations remotely and accurately.

He needed continuous, accurate and real-time data from all three businesses in one place. But he couldn't use just any software. The solution had to have proven capabilities for the agricultural sector, which he found in Sage 300 People and implementation partner AWCape.

Having implemented the software in 2019, Johan had complete control and transparency when COVID-19 hit. What's more, because Sage 300 People is locally hosted and accessible via the cloud, Johan always had remote access to payroll processes.

"One of the key benefits of the system is that we can generate management reports at the push of a button and export them to Excel, giving senior executives the real-time information they need to support their decisions about the workforce," says Johan. "This was especially helpful during COVID-19 lockdowns when employee numbers and business requirements were in constant flux."

Avoid errors and hours lost to manual tasks

"The desktop product we were using before Sage 300 People served us well for many years, but we realised that we could improve efficiencies and streamline our business by implementing a solution that can be hosted locally or via the cloud. Sage 300 People gives us a real-time view of our payroll, so we always have our finger on the pulse," says Johan.

"Gaining access to an intuitive set of tools that helps you avoid errors and hours lost to manual tasks, is just the beginning with a modern payroll solution like Sage 300 People. You will also receive powerful reporting tools that will provide you with valuable insights and assist you in connecting with your employees.

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Multiple companies, one pay run

With Sage 300 People, De Keur’s payroll team have a single interface across the three businesses. Sage 300 People also eliminates the need for inconvenient manual data backups. These features alone save the team a significant amount of time.

De Keur can now quickly and accurately collect time and attendance information via a specialist solution that can be customised and optimised for farming operations. From here, data can be easily captured into Excel and automatically pulled into Sage 300 People to calculate wages. Ultimately, the group saves hours of manual effort each month.

Sage 300 People hosted payroll software offers quick solutions for companies that run legacy systems or manual processes. The right payroll solution gives companies peace of mind knowing pay runs are precise and that the business is compliant, leaving room to focus on strategic growth rather than mundane administration.



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