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1. Overview of business Plan

Business name: Fresh Produce Ltd

Industry: Food distribution/Fast food supply

Business model: B2B Wholesale ingredient supplier

Location: Lichfield (UK)

Mission statement: To deliver high quality, safe & fresh ingredients to Fast Food chain & quick service restaurants.

Vision statement: To become UK leading Fast Food ingredient supplier by 2035, known for freshness, reliability & value-added services.

Company description: Fresh Produce Ltd was founded in 2025 in response to the fast-food industry in England & Wales. Despite the growth of local shops and fast-food chains, many of them face challenges sourcing reliable, hygienic and affordable ingredients.

We aim to fill this gap by offering standardized, wholesale ingredients with guaranteed quality, timely delivery, and customizable orders.

Our services include:

- Frozen & fresh meats
- Bakery items
- Sauces & condiments
- Fresh vegetables
- Cooking oil
- Disposable packaging

Our facility in Lichfield includes a cold storage unit, dry storage and freezer. In terms of legal format, the company operates as a private Limited company (Ltd).

Fresh Produce Ltd, stand out through (Unique Selling Point – USP):

- Direct partnerships with local factory & bakeries
- Rigorous quality control systems

- Timely deliveries & flexible ordering
- Competitive bulk pricing

2. Legal Format

Fresh Produce will be formed as a Private Limited Company (Ltd). By providing its owners with limited liability protection, this legal framework makes sure that personal assets are safeguarded against business defaults or liabilities (Freedman, J., 2000).

Being a Private Limited Company, Fresh Produce Ltd will be able to function independently, possess property, and enter contracts because it will have a distinct legal identity from its owners. The company's shares will not be traded on a public stock exchange; instead, they will be privately held.

The company will register under the name as Fresh Produce Ltd. The founding shareholders including managing director and operations director will privately own the company.

In terms of management structure, Fresh Produce Ltd will be led by a core team of directors with defined responsibilities (Table 1). The company will adopt a flat but accountable management structure in its initial stages to maintain agility and fast decision-making. The functions of each role are shown as follows:

No.	Roles	Functions
1	Managing director	• Oversee the strategic direction of the company • Leads business development, investment relations, and legal compliance
2	Operations director	• Manages the supply chain, vendor relationships, logistics, and product quality

3	Sales and marketing manager	• Develops brand awareness, marketing campaigns, and sales strategies
4	Financial officer/Accountant	• Handles financial reporting, bookkeeping, tax filings, and payroll
5	Secretary	• May be appointed to ensure legal compliance and support of governance (depending on local legal requirements).

Table 1: Management structure

3. PESTEL analysis

In this business plan, we adopted PESTEL analysis to analyze the external factor that might have impact on my business operation. PESTEL analysis includes in total of 7 elements: Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, and Legal (Ulubeyli, S., Kazancı, O., Kazaz, A. and Arslan, V., 2019)

Political:

- Trade Policies and tariffs: Import/export rules may affect access to exotic or out-of-season produce.
- Brexit (UK-specific): Affects supply chain routes, customs, and labor availability if sourcing from or selling to EU countries.

Economics:

- Inflation and Food prices: Rising inflation can impact produce prices and consumer buying habits.
- Cost of fuel and transport: Transportation is critical for fresh produce distribution.
- Access to funding: Interest rates and lending policies affect startup financing or scaling plans.

Sociological:

- Health and wellness trends: Growing consumer demand for fresh, organic, and locally sourced food boosts demand for your products.
- Lifestyle changes: Busier lifestyles are increasing interest in convenient, ready-to-eat, or meal-prep produce.
- Dietary trends: Rise in veganism, vegetarianism, and plant-based diets increase demand for fresh fruit and vegetables.

Technological:

- Supply chain tech: Inventory tracking, cold chain monitoring, and route optimization tools help manage freshness and reduce waste.
- Social Media Marketing: Enables low-cost, targeted marketing to health-conscious and local customers.

Environmental:

- Food waste reduction: Regulatory and consumer focus on reducing food waste impacts on sourcing, packaging, and distribution models.
- Sustainable practices: Demand for environmentally friendly farming and packaging practices is rising.

Legal:

- Food safety labeling & law: Strict regulations on traceability, labelling (e.g., allergens), and expiry dates must be followed.
- Employment law: Compliance with minimum wage, working conditions, and seasonal labor regulations.
- Business licensing: Specific licenses may be needed for food handling, transport, and local delivery.
- Food Safety Regulation: Standards for food safety, hygiene, and health (such as HACCP and local food authority regulations) must be followed.

4. Marketing strategies

The main elements of fresh produce B2B wholesale marketing strategies are broken out here, along with the reasons why they are significant in a wholesale context:

Market Segmentation: classifying business-to-business (B2B) customers based on their characteristics or demands, such as wholesalers, eateries, supermarkets, or institutions (such schools or hospitals).

The priorities of each segment vary:

- Fast delivery, freshness, and variety are what restaurants desire.
- Grocery stores are concerned about packaging and shelf life.
- Safety, traceability, and uniformity are given top priority by institutions.

Positioning & Value Proposition: describing in depth why a business should buy from me instead of a competitor.

Example for Fresh Produce:

- Next-day delivery from local farms.
- Organic produce with full traceability.
- Reliable year-round supply of high-demand items.

Branding & Professional image: I will establish a reliable, consistent brand image for all platforms, including websites, packaging, trucks, emails, and more. This is because buyers like to deal with businesses that seem trustworthy and professional, even in business-to-business transactions. By doing so, my business's credibility and trust are increased by having a strong brand image.

In addition, my business also adopts some digital marketing including Website, SEO, content as follows:

- Website: A place to showcase my products and services.

- SEO (Search Engine Optimization): Making my site show up when buyers search for terms like “wholesale produce supplier.”
- Content Marketing: Creating educational materials or articles for my target audience, such as "How to Choose a Produce Supplier."

Before reaching out to suppliers, B2B buyers conduct online research. A strong online presence generates leads without the need for cold calling and fosters trust (Pawłowski, M. and Pastuszek, Z., 2017).

Networking & trading show: meeting customers in person by participating in or setting up an exhibit at industry events. Buyers travel to trade exhibitions, particularly to look for new suppliers. It's also a fantastic method to develop your reputation and gain market share (Banting, P.M. and Blenkhorn, D.L., 1974).

Referral Marketing: Offering discounts or free delivery to entice existing clients to recommend you to additional companies. For business-to-business (B2B) referrals, word-of-mouth is more trusted than advertisements. In the industry, a positive reputation spreads quickly (Berman, B., 2016).

5. Funding and cashflow

CASH FLOW

	MONTH
Cash in	1
Loan- start up capital - Bank	£100,000
Sales (total sales of product and/or services)	£150,000
Other	£0
Total cash in-flows (A)	£250,000

	MONTH
Cash out-expenses	1
Rent or premises costs	£1,500
Business rates for your business premises	£1,200
Utilities (gas, electricity, water)	£2,000
Insurance	£500
Telephone and internet	£200
Marketing and advertising expenses	£1,800
Vehicle running costs	£3,000
Equipment purchase or leasing	£2,000
Postage, printing, stationery	£200
Transport and delivery	£1,500
Professional fees (legal, accounting etc.)	£700
Cost of sales (Cost of product)	£100,000
Wages your own	£1,500
Staff wages	£7,500
Any other	£1,500
Any other	£0
Total cash out-flows (B)	£125,100
	£124,900

To get money to set up my business, I will get business loan for £100,000. With this money, I will be able to launch my firm without the investors or a loan from friends or family. Advantage of getting the money from bank is to access large amount to expand operations and buy more equipment and hire more staff.

6. Conclusions

In the worldwide food supply chain, the fresh produce B2B wholesale sector is essential because it links growers with distributors, retailers, and foodservice providers. Effective logistics, high-quality products, transparent pricing, and solid supplier relationships are essential to its success. B2B wholesalers need to adjust by adopting digital platforms, upgrading cold chain infrastructure, and boosting traceability as consumer demand for locally produced, sustainably sourced, and fresh goods rise. Given the circumstances, sustaining competitiveness and satisfying the changing demands of contemporary consumers depend heavily on innovation, flexibility, and supply chain cooperation.

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