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Agri-tech platform DeHaat raises \$12-million Series A round funding

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B2B agri-tech startup Bijak raises Series A funding

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Intello Labs Raises \$5.9 Mn Series A Funding for Expansion

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