

UK scientists to launch GM insects as alternatives to using chemicals in fields

Thousands of GM insects developed by British scientists are set to be the first released into fields in Europe as an alternative to chemical pesticides.

The plan is to release a large number of genetically modified olive flies that would be used to kill off wild pests that damage the crop.

The technology is the brainchild of experts at British company Oxitec, who insist the GM insects are better for the environment than spraying crops with chemical pesticides.

However critics fear the development could put human health at risk if people eat the flies or their larvae if they reach food products

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