

Talking Biotech: Soil-worm resistant GMO crops in Africa hindered by politics, public fears

In this week's podcast Jonnny Dalzell guest hosts from Tanzania. He visits with scientists from the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) that are helping devise solutions to nematodes. Nematodes are microscopic soil worms that are difficult to control and require substantial chemical inputs that are not always available and can be hazardous. Uncontrolled nematodes lead to damaged crops, and damage is not always apparent until it is too late. Dalzell speaks to IITA Kenya scientists Nessie Luambano, Danny Coyne, and Leena Tripathi. They discuss the problem of nematodes, some of the proposed solutions, and some of the frustrations of having good work stalled because of a lack of funding and political will to move them forward.

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