

Talking Biotech: Can Oxitec's genetically engineered insects combat fall armyworm crop damage and famine in Africa?

Fall armyworm is a moth larvae that is incredibly destructive. It causes widespread crop losses in the Americas and now has been found in Africa. This pest consumes everything in its path, and can travel many miles on the wind. It is believed that this organism could cause widespread famine in Africa. Oxitec has proposed a solution, keying off of its current suite of insect control strategies. Today we speak with Simon Warner, CSO of Oxitec. He describes the problem and proposed solutions.

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