

Talking Biotech: There's a worldwide vanilla shortage. Can science save our favorite food flavoring?

There is a vanilla crisis. The familiar flavor agent is a mixture of chemicals from an orchid- and there's not enough being produced to satisfy demand. But Dr. Alan Chambers knows that crisis and opportunity travel together. He is currently engaging in breeding of vanilla orchids, hoping to improve yields and product quality. In this episode he covers vanilla's natural history, its current challenges in cultivation and future outlook.

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