

## Nigeria readies GMO cowpea field trials ahead of 2020 commercialization

The African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) has disclosed that it would commence the trial of the pod borer resistant cowpea this season, ahead of the commercialization of the new variety.

The National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA) had granted an environment release of PBR cowpea which was developed by the Institute of Agriculture Research (IAR), Zaria, and the African Agriculture Technology Foundation (AATF).

Regional coordinator of the African Agriculture Technology Foundation (AATF), Dr Issoufou Abdourrahman Kolo, who made this known in an interview with LEADERSHIP in Abuja, [July 31], said the trials would be held in all agroecology zones in Nigeria from the Sahel to the humid forest to see how the cowpea would perform ....

Kolo, while noting that the foundation would also go on farmers' field to test the cowpea .... with real farmers, said they would be organizing [a] field day for everybody to see how the cowpea grows.

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