

Nigerian farmers, scientists celebrate success of GMO insect-resistant cowpea field trial

Nigerian [bean] farmers have commended the performance of Pod Borer Resistant (PBR) Cowpea on the field over the old varieties

The farmers who spoke during a nationwide demonstration trial of the variety said they could now plant beans that can tolerate the attacks of pod borer pest, and also get a good yield.

“I have been planting beans for the last 16 years but have never seen any variety like the PBR Cowpea, it is early maturing, produces more pods, needs only two rounds of insecticide sprays and is very easy to manage,” says Suleiman Aliyu, a farmer based in Minjibir in Kano State.

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The new beans variety, which was developed by the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in partnership with the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF), out-performed all existing varieties in the country during the nationwide demonstration trial

The new beans variety was developed after 10 years of research work at the IAR Professor Ishiyaku Mohammad noted that the journey started in 2009 when IAR filed an application to commence research into the genetically engineered beans

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