

28 January – 3 February 2021

## Fall armyworm

Scientists from *icipe*, CABI and Lancaster University, UK, have updated the potential biological options for the control of Fall armyworm in Africa. The review of the biocontrol products is featured in the [CABI BioProtection Portal](#) and can be read in full [here](#).

<https://www.cabi.org/news-article/cabi-study-updates-safer-options-for-fall-armyworm-control-in-africa/>

## Tuta absoluta

The Centre's release of a parasitic wasp to naturally control the destructive tomato leafminer continues to garner interest. The news was recently republished by Association Méditerranéenne Internationale de la Tomate (AMITOM) based in France.

[http://www.tomatonews.com/en/total-control-of-tuta-absoluta\\_2\\_1233.html](http://www.tomatonews.com/en/total-control-of-tuta-absoluta_2_1233.html)

## BioInnovate Africa

The Refractance Window Drying Technology (RWDT) project funded by BioInnovate Africa in Kenya and Uganda is helping farmers to prevent loss of produce and nutrients. Below is a link to a video on the use of RWTD products in baked goods, yoghurt and juice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jm0qebysfal>

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It's Buzzing day today! I talk about frass (insect manure), with insight from research by Valala Farms (hello @ant\_explorer) and @icipe. And I make mealworm margaritas - cheers! Subscribe here [buzzing.substack.com/welcome](https://buzzing.substack.com/welcome)



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Great to talk to @icipe scientists in Kenya yesterday and hear their perspectives on #OpenScience and the publishing landscape in Africa

**PLOS ONE** @PLOSONE · Feb 2

Today, #PLOSONE Senior Editor Jamie Males @ep1phyte met online with senior researchers from @icipe for a productive discussion of their experiences of research and publishing in a virtual world.

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ICIPE has released a parasitic wasp in Kirinyaga County—Kenya's largest producer of tomatoes—that promises to rid farmers of Tuta Absoluta pest that has been the bane of tomato farmers causing yield losses of up to 100%.

[farmbizafrika.com/pests/3384-ici...](https://farmbizafrika.com/pests/3384-ici...)



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Great work is going on @icipe on use of insects as feed & food and the imperative is - amount of protein and quality of fat is very good and turnover is high compared to other sources- science is doing its part and @FoodSystems we are watching with interest

**TIME** @TIME · Jan 29

Agnes Kalibata, the UN's food systems chief, on how science can transform farming to help save the planet [ti.me/3cscbl38](https://ti.me/3cscbl38)

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