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'Food technologists have great scope'

The government of India has stressed the need for more education in crop processing technology to reduce the high postharvest losses across the country



Farmers in Togo train on postharvest losses

Smallholder farmers in the Talensi District of Ghana have been trained on postharvest loss prevention using the Purdue Improved Crop Storage bag

News

Issues of Loss

High farm yield brings no cheer for warehouse loss *The New Indian Express*

Increased grain production in the Odisha state of India has placed a strain on both public and private sector storage capacity. Currently, 1.5 million tons of grain produced in the state is lost due to insufficient storage. With 30 percent of grain produced lost postharvest, storage capacity must increase to support a growing grain production.

Missing cassava crops spark alarm *Bangkok Post*

Authorities in Thailand are investigating the disappearance and destruction of 60,000 tons of cassava from warehouses across five provinces in the country. The destruction of the crop was caused by fires potentially started by a chemical reaction resulting from poor storage of the crop. The investigation into the missing cassava is ongoing.

Projects

Western Visayas rice processing center to benefit more than 200 farmers *GMA News Online*

A rice processing center set to operate in the Philippines will reduce postharvest losses for 200 farmers in Western Visayas. The processing center will increase milling recovery by 7 percent, from 58 percent to 65 percent. Serving more than 250 hectares of rice, the processing center will increase rice processing efficiency.

Rwanda vies for postharvest capacity storage *East African Business Week*

To reduce high postharvest losses in the country, the government of Rwanda has set provisions to increase storage capacity through private sector leadership. Currently, the Climate Resilient and Postharvest Agribusiness Support Project provides postharvest knowledge and services to thousands of smallholder farmers in over 10 districts of Rwanda. Moving forward, the government of Rwanda hopes collaboration between all private sector stakeholders will help reduce postharvest losses.

Kenya: We manage Trans Nzoia funds well, says governor *All Africa*

The Trans Nzoia county of Kenya has experienced high development and growth due to good financial management. To continue development, the county government has allocated funds for the purchase of maize driers in every subcounty and has started plans to construct a maize milling factory to reduce postharvest losses.

International course on lost harvest and wasted food *YPARD*

The Centre for Development Innovation at Wageningen University in the Netherlands is offering a course on postharvest loss and food waste. The 10-day course will focus on ways to reduce postharvest losses in order to improve global food security.

Technology

Professor's discovery is helping to prevent the loss of crops in storage and helping to feed the world *Dorset Echo*

While an entomology Professor at the University of Southampton, Philip Howse discovered a wax particle in pitcher plants that will help prevent crop losses in stored grain. The wax particle adheres to insects through an electrostatic charge, killing the insect. An agriculture technology company, Exosect, has used the discovery to develop a powder called Entostat, which will reduce the destruction of stored grain from insects.

Reports

One of the most effective ways to fight hunger in developing world is to build better roads: study *Huffington Post*

According to a study commissioned by the Copenhagen Consensus Center, rural infrastructure is essential to reducing postharvest losses in developing nations. The lead author, Mark Rosegrant of the International Food Policy Research Institute, argued that investing \$239 billion in road and railway connections over the next 15 years will result in \$3.1 trillion in benefits. The study finds that cutting hunger in half by 2030 will be possible with improvements in transportation for developing nations.

Opinions

Agric sector requires action not talk - GAWU *Ghana Web*

According to Edward T. Kareweh, General Secretary of the General Agricultural Workers' Union (GAWU), agriculture investment in Ghana is crucial to reduce postharvest losses. Although investment in agriculture overall continues to grow, investment in crops has declined. With increases in grain production, postharvest losses also increase. According to Kareweh, this relationship will lead to a reduced production as producers attempt to avoid high crop losses.

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Conferences & Symposiums

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