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INSECTS, GM MAIZE AND CHANGING AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE LANDSCAPES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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ABSTRACT

Like farmers, agricultural scientists and researchers are makers, keepers and transmitters of agricultural knowledge. This knowledge and the ways in which it is generated is always shifting in relation to economic, political, technological, ideological and biophysical factors. Technologies bring change to the systems they enter. Through a focus on insects, this presentation focuses specifically on how the addition of GM maize seed has affected ecological-based knowledge within maize research and development (R&D) in South Africa.