

Neem tree extracts to kill vegetable pests

Makerere University, Uganda, has revealed that farmers could use extracts of the neem tree to control pests that attack vegetables. Dr. Anne Akol, a lecturer of Zoology, Faculty of Science, found that neem tree extracts could kill several cabbage pests. She said only low doses of the extracts were needed to kill the insects, and that farmers in Kenya were already using the neem extracts to control pests. Neem does not kill the insects but it causes their abnormal growth. She advised farmers to collect extracts from same neem trees having higher dose of active chemicals.

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