Integrated pest & disease management (English)

Animal pests cause damage and completely reduce farmers yield by reducing leaf area for photosynthesis, plant death and low germination rate.

However following proper guidelines of pest control minimizes the damage caused by insect pests to farmers field increasing yields of cowpea, soya and ground nuts.

Pest management

Treat seeds and inoculate seeds before sowing however this should be done after consulting the extension worker.

To effectively control rodents place traps or poisoned baits around the field.

Control insect pests by cultivating resistant varieties.

Use chemicals when pest infestation is intense because this can cause economic loss.

For nematodes management use crop rotation and proper farm sanitation practices.

Lastly manage weeds in the field because these may act as pest hosts.