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sterile insect technique production



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The X Sterile Insect Technique (Pty) Ltd, or X-SIT production for the 2020 season finished at the end of May in Citrusdal. As the moths developed, they were irradiated and then released up to the end of June. During July repairs and maintenance were done at the facility to prepare for the new season.

All involved in X-SIT can be extremely proud of the most successful moth breeding

season ever. There were only a few weeks in the whole season where moth numbers were under pressure, but for the large majority of the time, more than enough moths were available to supply clients with extra moths, as well as to help in giving focused attention to hotspots in a season that has seen a little more moth pressure than the previous two years.



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US patent for latest Baculovirus

For years River Bioscience has been a leader in virus production for pest management. The most recent release for registration has now been recognised internationally for its uniqueness, through a patent Notice of Allowance being issued in the United States of America. This patent joins those already issued in Australia and the European Union, giving the protection very wide coverage.

This is fantastic news and another big step in taking our South African virus technology to the world in areas where it will play a significant role in addressing challenges in the ever-evolving crop protection space. 🍋



Quality controllers inspect larvae rearing bags at the Citrusdal SIT facility