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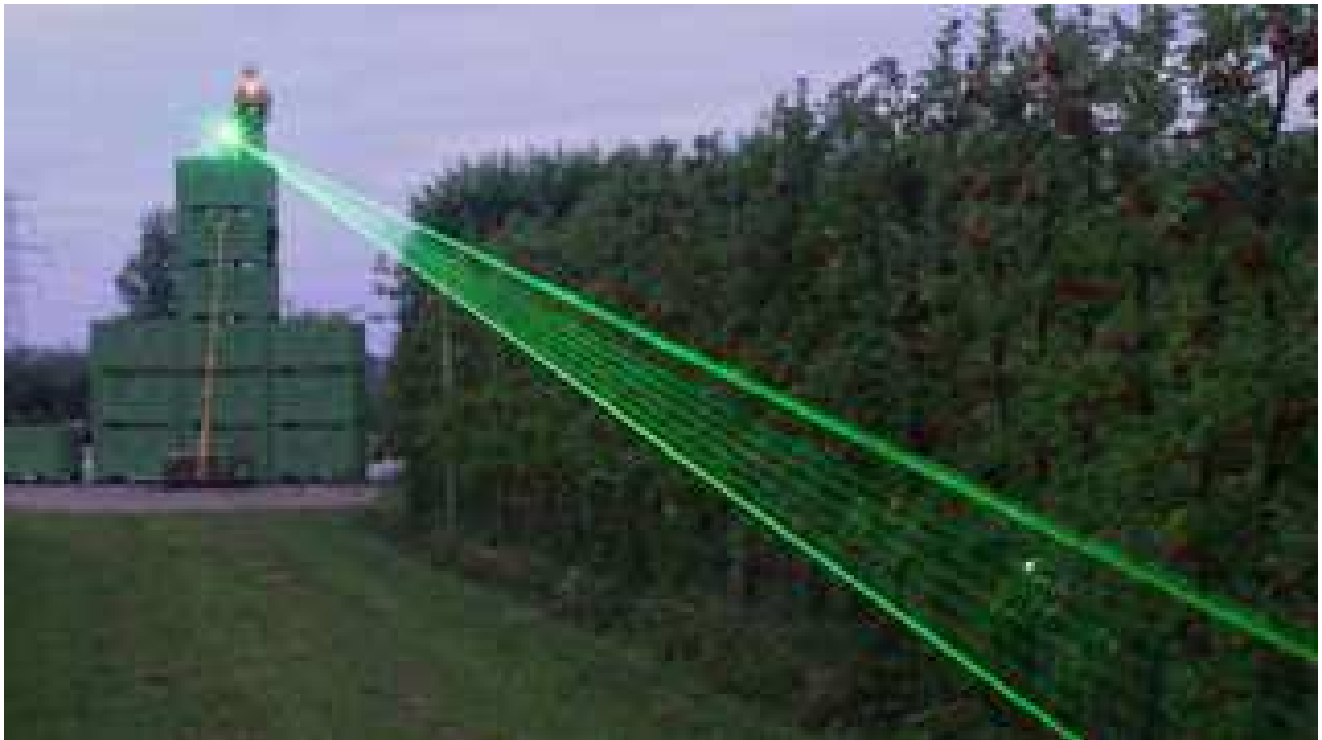


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Laser light could shock neglected visitors

High-powered laser light will be used to strengthen crops from pests in a hearing saved by a European Commission.



Researchers during Liverpool John Moores University wish a “fence” of laser light will shock rats and other pests, proof an choice to poison.

The record will be trialled in Scotland, a Netherlands and Spain starting in November.

The National Farmers’ Union (NFU) pronounced creation was critical to support a tillage attention following Brexit.

The [European Commission](#) has contributed 1.7m euros (\$1.85m, £1.5m) to support a research, [the Register](#) reports.

“The laser has already been produced,” Dr Alex Mason, plan co-ordinator of a Life Laser Fence project, told a BBC.

“It’s a blurb product used in a series of situations – though we are looking during regulating it in rural situations, on a wider operation of species.

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Lasers are already used to repel birds

“It already works really good on birds. We wish it will work on rats, badgers, foxes and rabbits too.”

The Agrilaser Autonomic is sole as a device that repels birds, that “perceive a coming laser lamp as a earthy danger” and fly away, according to a manufacturer.

The researchers wish it will work only as good on other neglected animals, that can destroy crops, eat food meant for plantation animals and can widespread disease.

Controlling pests with poisons can lead to unintended victims such as birds being killed too, so a hearing hopes to revoke stand repairs in a hearing areas by 50%, while shortening bird bearing to insecticide by 80%.

Dr Helen Ferrier, arch scholarship confidant of a NFU, said: “Continuing support and appropriation of a agri-tech zone is critical in ensuring British scholarship and creation can stretch some-more plantation businesses.

“Agri-tech can capacitate a British tillage attention to turn some-more efficient, revoke a waste, yield collection to conduct sensitivity and a fair, pure and functioning supply chain.

“An agri-tech zone we can rest on is intensely critical in a face of intensity domestic and mercantile changes in a subsequent 5 to 10 years that could exceedingly impact a tillage industry.”

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