

Biodiversity and biological control of arthropods

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“Even as a single hair casts a shadow does a weed steal profit from a harvest”. This saying from farmers in the USA in the last century represents the most extreme view that no non-crop biodiversity can be tolerated in the farm environment. Although this opinion is probably rare today, conducting appropriate research on farmland biodiversity and achieving adoption of the protocols by farmers remains the challenge. This presentation will outline the science behind some recent achievements in enhancing pest biocontrol on farmland and explore how successful ‘outreach’ can be achieved.

