Achieving sustainable cultivation of bananas



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Achieving sustainable cultivation of bananas Volume 3

Diseases and pests

Edited by: Professor André Drenth, University of Queensland, Australia and Professor Gert H. J. Kema, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Endorsement:

"The current range of disease and pest threats means that Volume 3 of Achieving sustainable cultivation of bananas covering a wide array of pathogens and pests is urgently needed. The two editors of this volume, Professor André Drenth of The University of Queensland in Australia and Professor Gert Kema of Wageningen University in The Netherlands, are highly knowledgeable specialists with extensive experience in pest and disease management of bananas. They have selected similarly knowledgeable scientists writing the individual chapters. The book is comprehensive and of excellent quality. It will be useful for both students and researchers, as well as banana production practitioners." (Dr Ariena van Bruggen - Emeritus Professor of Plant Pathology and Emerging Pathogens, University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, USA)

Description:

Bananas are a key food source for millions, whilst their production supports the livelihood of farmers across the globe. However, recent research has identified the vulnerability of particular banana varieties to major pests and diseases. With the banana industry under threat of extinction, more research is required into understanding the biology of the pests and diseases that pose this threat so that more effective management strategies can be developed and the risk of future outbreaks reduced.

Achieving sustainable cultivation of bananas Volume 3: Diseases and pests provides a comprehensive review of the major pests and diseases affecting global banana production including Tropical Race 4, black Sigatoka and banana streak virus. The book explores existing methods for pest/disease diagnosis and identification, current management strategies used to control and/or prevent outbreaks, as well as the development of disease-resistant cultivars and integrated pest and disease management programmes.

Key features:

- Provides a comprehensive analysis of the major pests and diseases affecting global banana production, including their impact and occurrence, as well as the modes of disease transmission and distribution
- Addresses the economic impact of individual pests and diseases on farm profit margins and provides examples of the quantified impacts of losses per ha and whole farm/plantation
- Reviews current management strategies available to banana growers and producers to control and/or prevent future outbreaks of pests and disease

Audience:

University and other researchers in tropical fruit science; government and other private sector agencies supporting sustainable banana cultiation; as well as commercial banana growers, producers and retailers

Editors' details:

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