

# PHERONYM AWARDED \$500,000 MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL GRANT BY USDA

*Grant will expand use of company's breakthrough nematode bio-remediation technology*

DAVIS, CA, UNITED STATES, August 21, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ALACHUA, Florida – [Pheronym](#), a bio-ag-tech pest control company, has been awarded a \$500,000 USDA-AFRI (United States Department of Agriculture – Agriculture and Food Research Initiative) multi-institutional research grant to expand its breakthrough insect control and nematode bio-remediation technology to other nematode species.

“The grant is further validation that our approach to bio-remediation is a serious, science-based effort towards pesticide-free pest control,” said Dr. Fatma Kaplan, CEO of Pheronym and Co-Project Director. “It’s another positive step to broad commercialization of our technology and Nemastim™ product offering.”



Pheronym uses its proprietary pheromones to control entomopathogenic nematodes (EPNs or beneficial nematodes) for insect pest control and plant-parasitic nematodes, providing farmers with more cost-effective and environmentally friendly pest control.

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“I have conducted research on EPNs for over 20 years. Using Pheronym’s chemical signals to enhance nematode dispersal—leading to increased infection in insects—is an extremely exciting concept. I feel it has exceptional promise that we will explore for greatly improving EPNs’ efficacy,” said USDA-ARS partner Dr. David Shapiro-Ilan and Project Director for the grant.

## About Pheronym

Pheronym is an ag-biotech pest control company which enables pesticide-free farming, based in ALACHUA, Florida and DAVIS, California. The company’s bio-remediation process uses a new pheromone to control plant-parasitic nematodes (microscopic roundworms) in an eco-friendly way and also beneficial nematodes’ efficacy to eliminate pest insects. Learn more at

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