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Japanese robot-wolf to protect farms – 9th March, 2018

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Technology could help keep wild animals out of Japan's farms and rice paddies. The "Super Monster Wolf" robot could scare away wild boar and deer. It looks real. It has wolf-like hair, teeth and red eyes. It also has 48 different howls so animals can't get used to it. Farmers lose millions of dollars every year to hungry animals.

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Level 1

Technology could help keep animals out of Japan's farms. Engineers have made the "Super Monster Wolf" to scare away wild animals. The solar-powered scarecrow robot looks real. It has wolf-like hair, scary teeth and red eyes. It also has 48 different wolf howls so animals can't get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will keep wild boar and deer out of rice paddies, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars every year because of hungry animals.

Japan's agricultural association tested the Super Monster Wolf in nine places. It said the robot really reduced crop losses and was better than electric fences at keeping animals out. The robot senses movement up to one kilometre away. The 65cm-long robot will be sold from next month. The price is \$4,800 but farmers can rent it by the month. Japan's farmers hope this new electronic wolf will stop wild animals eating their crops.

Level 2

New technology could help Japanese farmers keep animals away from their farms. Engineers have invented the "Super Monster Wolf" to scare away wild animals from crops of rice, pumpkin and sweet potato. The solar-powered scarecrow robot looks like a real wolf. It has wolf-like hair, big scary teeth and red eyes with infrared sensors. It also has 48 different wolf howls so animals never get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will keep animals like wild boar and deer out of rice paddies, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars every year because of hungry animals.

Japan's agricultural association (JA) trialled the Super Monster Wolf in nine locations. A JA spokesman said the robot wolf greatly reduced crop losses. He said it was more effective than electric fences at keeping animals out. The robot can sense movement up to one kilometre away and make its scary sounds. The 65cm-long robot will start being made from next month. The price is \$4,800 but farmers will be able to rent the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are hoping this new electronic wolf will finally stop wild animals eating their crops.

Level 3

Technology has come to the rescue of Japanese farmers. For thousands of years they have tried to keep animals away from their farms. However, engineers have invented the "Super Monster Wolf" to finally scare away wild animals that want to eat crops of rice, pumpkin or sweet potato. Super Monster Wolf is a solar-powered scarecrow robot that looks like a real wolf. It has lookalike wolf hair, big scary teeth and red LED eyes with infrared sensors. It also has 48 different wolf howls and other noises so animals never get used to it. Super Monster Wolf will be used to keep animals like wild boar and deer out of rice paddies, farms and fruit orchards. Farmers lose millions of dollars of crops every year to hungry animals.

Members of Japan's Agricultural Association (JA) took part in trials of the Super Monster Wolf in nine locations across Japan. JA spokesman Chikao Umezawa reported that the robot wolf significantly reduced crop losses. He said it was more effective than an electric fence at keeping animals out. The robot can sense movement up to one kilometre away and immediately make its scary sounds. The robot will start being mass produced from next month. It will be 65cm long and 50cm high. The price is \$4,800 but farmers will have the option of renting the wolf by the month. Japan's farmers are hoping that this new electronic aid will finally stop wild animals eating their crops.