Coronaviruses and COVID-19

From north to south, COVID-19 has had a profound and damaging effect on agricultural communities, systems and economies. Following the first detection of the disease in Wuhan, China in 2019, the virus spread rapidly across the globe during the first few months of 2020. Like other coronaviruses, the new coronavirus is thought to have spread to humans from wild animals.

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