



Is it feasible to grow apples under photovoltaic panels





Overview

The first research trial is focused on growing apples under solar panels. Researchers are studying whether the system can produce viable crops, generate meaningful energy and remain cost-effective. Could the farms of the future harvest apples and solar energy at the same time?

Michigan State University researchers are testing that question through a promising approach called agrivoltaics—integrating agriculture and solar power production on the same land. A small experimental apple orchard at Cornell's Hudson Valley Research Laboratory may soon be topped by solar panels - which would not only track the sun to capture energy but, in some cases, maintaining a more favourable tree water status. Some observations of this study also indicate that the photovoltaic panels afford protection from freeze damage and induce a less alternate bearing behavior of photovoltaic roofs are best suited for the orchard. The research lab proposes to install a



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Farming under solar panels?

At the university's Hart Research and Extension Center, scientists have installed rows of solar panels above apple orchards to explore whether this dual-use model can boost farm viability ...

Agrivoltaics - Growing Under Solar Panels , Weekly Crop Update

Several projects across the country are researching the synergistic benefits of co-locating photovoltaic arrays on vegetable and fruit farms. Potential benefits to the crops will derive from lower ...



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growers test agrivoltaics

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The presence of solar panels on top of apple trees improved their water status with less water applied in the period before harvest (reduction about 30%) without any negative effect in the

Water Status, Irrigation Requirements and Fruit Growth of Apple Trees

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