

# Is it okay to grow rice under photovoltaic panels

Does agrivoltaic rice grow better?

Over two growing seasons, the agrivoltaic system achieved rice yields of 75 percent and 85 percent compared to nearby traditional paddies. While slightly lower in the first year, yield improved significantly in the second year after fine-tuning the amount of sunlight reaching the crops.

Can solar power a rice paddy?

As reported in the Journal of Photonics for Energy, the research team installed a dual-axis sun-tracking photovoltaic (PV) system over a rice paddy in Miyada-mura, Nagano Prefecture. Positioned three meters above the ground, the solar panels generated electricity while allowing rice cultivation to continue underneath.

Can solar panels be used in rice farming?

A recent study led by researchers from the University of Tokyo explores a promising solution: integrating solar panels with traditional rice farming in a practice known as agrivoltaics.

Does agrivoltaic control affect rice yield?

Grain yield decreased by 23% on average (6.5 vs. 8.5t ha<sup>-1</sup>). The relative yield (agrivoltaic/control) was significantly negatively correlated with the total rainfall. The rice quality traits were also affected, with a lower head rice yield, more chalky grains, and higher grain protein and amylose contents in the agrivoltaic system.

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This dual-axis tracking system is engineered to modulate the angle of PV panels based on temporal agricultural priorities. During the crucial growing season, the system optimizes panel ...

These experiments showed that, during two growing seasons, rice yields under the panels were 75% and 85% lower compared to benchmark paddies without modules located nearby.

A Japanese field study installed solar panels above crops and found rice yields remained stable compared to soybean and sweet potatoes, demonstrating the possibility of combining ...

The rice yield under agricultural and PV complementarity was 65-66% of the control rice yield. Combining this with a system efficiency of 82.5% for the PV power plant described by Wenjing ...

A promising solution for this land-use conflict is urgently needed to meet the growing energy and food demands. The idea of "agrivoltaics" or "an agrivoltaic system" (hereafter, AVS) that ...

To improve rice production, it is necessary to model PPFD and rice growth; additionally, PV panels should be movable so that the amount of PPFD can be adjusted depending on the model. ...

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Renewable energy sources like solar power offer a viable alternative. This study explores the feasibility of agro-photovoltaic (APV) systems, which integrate solar panels with agricultural land to generate ...

Do photovoltaic systems affect rice crop yield? Emerging interest in these systems led us to investigate their influence on rice crops. Various factors affecting rice crop yield, including fertilizer application, ...

In recent years, researchers from the University of Tokyo in Japan conducted a six-year field experiment using an agrivoltaics system in Chikusei, a city in Eastern Japan. The study focused ...

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