

# Can rice be grown under photovoltaic panels

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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, temperature, and solar radiation, were directly observed, and measured to evaluate changes associated with the shading rates of photovoltaic systems installed above rice crops.

Does photovoltaic shading affect rice yields?

Thus, no prior research has explored the effects of shading from photovoltaics on rice yields throughout the rice cultivation cycle. While some studies have examined the negative effects of shading on crops integrated with agrivoltaics, none have reported the impact on rice yield and quality.

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.

In this approach, the photovoltaic panels are installed far enough above the crop canopy that the space beneath the panels can be used for agricultural production. Importantly, the additional ...

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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