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## Overview

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Jordan Macknick, an environmental researcher at NREL, plants crops near solar panels at an experimental agrivoltaic farm in Colorado. Joe DeNero/NREL Not every farm can support panels, Macknick points out. It's often not economically feasible. Agrivoltaic farming is the practice of using land for both agriculture and solar energy production. It works by placing solar panels high above crops. Byron Kominek founded Jack's Solar Garden in 2020 as a community solar garden and agrivoltaics research site. By producing food and energy simultaneously, this co-location method. Agrivoltaics is revolutionizing the way we think about farming and solar energy by combining crop cultivation with solar power generation. This innovative approach not only maximizes land use but also enhances sustainability in agriculture. Have feedback on the audio version of this story?

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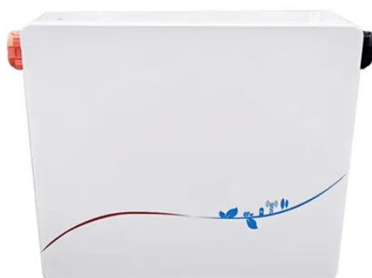


### **Agrivoltaics Farming , Can You Grow Crops Under Solar Panels**

Those solar panels can be raised high enough for tractors and farmworkers to easily pass underneath for all the usual tasks like weeding, pruning, and harvesting. So, can you really grow plants under ...

### **"Agrivoltaics" combines food production with solar power**

The solar panels are elevated 6½ to 8 feet off the ground, creating shade for the crops below -- and for the workers who plant and harvest them.



### **Best Crops for Agrivoltaics: Growing Food & Harvesting Solar Energy**

By strategically placing solar panels over crops, we create a microclimate that protects plants, conserves water, and boosts productivity. But not all crops respond the same way to this setup.

## **Agrivoltaics: Solar and Agriculture**

## Co-Location

Most large, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) systems are installed on land used only for solar energy production. However, it is possible to co-locate solar systems and agriculture on the same land.



### With tech, farms can double up to produce both food and power

Agrivoltaics merges agriculture with photovoltaic panels, which generate electricity from sunlight. The combo produces clean energy and edible crops.

## Crops Uniquely Suited to Growth in Agrivoltaic Settings

Ask questions related to the features of the solar panel design, including height, width, and other design features, as well as measurements. Then, consider the plant characteristics that ...



### Raising livestock and crops under solar panels , UMN Extension

For example, certain cool-season crops may increase in yield when shaded by solar panels. Soil shaded by the panels may also retain more moisture. At the

same time, the plants growing underneath the ...



## Sun Agri: Combining Solar Energy and Agriculture

Agrivoltaics, also known as "Sun Agri," merges solar energy production with agriculture on the same parcel of land. This practice allows for the cultivation of crops or raising of livestock ...



## What Can You Grow with Agrivoltaics? A Guide to Crops for Dual-Use

Cover Crops: Legumes such as clover and vetch can be planted as cover crops in agrivoltaic systems. These plants are used to improve soil health and prevent erosion. Their ability to ...

## Why Farmers Are Shielding Their Crops With Solar Panels

Surprisingly, this is wrong. Each plant has an optimal amount of sunlight that depends on many factors, and it turns

out that full sunlight is too much for many of them.



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