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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 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.

Does agrivoltaic control affect rice yield?

Grain yield decreased by 23% on average (6.5 vs. 8.5 t ha⁻¹). 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.

Researchers in Japan have made another attempt to make agrivoltaics on rice fields technically and economically feasible, despite well-known productivity issues when rice is grown ...

Scientists in Japan have conducted a field experiment in rice plantations hosting agrivoltaics systems and have found that rice growth can be affected by reduced biomass and ...

The application of PV panels can lead to increased water runoffs, causing an unbalanced water distribution with distinct moist patches under the lower panel edge and sheltered areas directly under ...

Agro-photovoltaics (APV) or agrivoltaic systems integrate crop cultivation with solar energy production, offering a promising solution through the dual-use of land. This two-year study ...

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The least affected was rice, with some varieties showing stable or even improved grain weights under panels. Previous studies found that rice yields usually drop when grown under solar ...

Our objective was to characterize the microclimate, grain yield, and quality of rice cultivated in an agrivoltaic system in a temperate climate. Field experiments were conducted at a ...

A significant increase in late season biomass was also observed for areas under the PV panels (90% more biomass), and areas under PV panels were significantly more water ...

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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