



# Is it feasible to grow apples under photovoltaic panels





## Overview

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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. ments, maintaining a more favourable tree water status. Some observations of this study also indicate that the photovoltaic panels afford protection from free e damage and induce a less alternate bearing beh 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 ...



### [Solar panels may soon shield and power apple orchards](#)

Apple trees in New York's Hudson Valley might soon flourish under the protective shade of solar panels, merging fruit cultivation with renewable energy production.

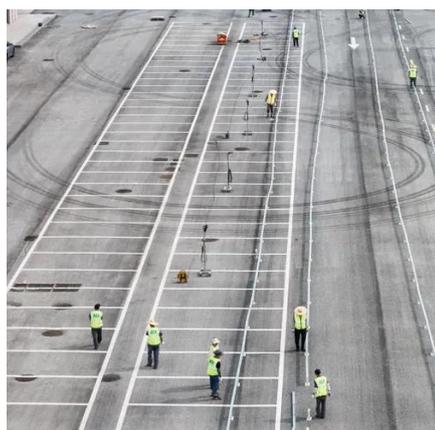
### Growing apples under solar panels in a dual-purpose German orchard

Growing apples under solar panels in a dual-purpose German orchard Solar panels are now that cheap in Germany that it gives growers a real opportunity to use the panel surface in a different ...



### Solar panels soon may power and protect apple orchards

Agrivoltaics--the idea of growing viable crops while concurrently harnessing the sun's energy with solar panels--is not a new concept. Buono and his colleagues aim to demonstrate how the panels can be ...



### Bright Idea: How Apples and Solar Panels Can Grow Together

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### **Shading apple trees with an agrivoltaic system: Impact on water**

The installation of dynamic photovoltaic panels over apple orchards could meet the challenges of protecting orchards from climate change and drive the energetic transition. However, ...

## **Farming under solar panels? Midwest**



## growers test agrivoltaics

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## Water Status, Irrigation Requirements and Fruit Growth of Apple Trees

This article describes a planned three-year study (2019-2022) to understand the effect of shading below solar panels in apple production. This study includes tree water status, irrigation ...

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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

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