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## Overview

Two new reports from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) highlight the potential for successfully and synergistically combining agriculture and solar photovoltaics (PV) technologies on the same land, a practice known as agrivoltaics.Can agrivoltaics improve land use?

As the energy transition accelerates and climate challenges intensify, agrivoltaics offers a promising solution for optimising land use by combining agriculture with solar power generation.

Do agrivoltaic systems accept solar power production?

For a holistic understanding of the acceptance effects of solar power production in agrivoltaic systems, it is essential to reflect that technologies are always embedded in a socio-technical human-technology-environment system, that is, interact with both the groups of actors involved and the regional setting.

Can solar and agriculture co-locate?

Learn more about SETO’s research into solar and agriculture co-location. Two new reports from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) highlight the potential for successfully and synergistically combining agriculture and solar photovoltaics (PV) technologies on the same land, a practice known as agrivoltaics.

How do agrivoltaic systems work?

Agrivoltaics pairs solar with agriculture, creating energy and providing space for crops, grazing, and native habitats under and between panels. NREL studies economic and ecological tradeoffs of agrivoltaic systems.

Are agrivoltaics better than traditional solar?

Under the right conditions, both crops and solar production can do better when paired together, and solar installations can provide surprising economic

and ecological benefits. Agrivoltaics is not always more expensive than traditional solar development, but certain configurations can be more complex for planning and permitting.

What is a agrivoltaic design?

This could be regarded as the classical agrivoltaics design also known as overhead agrivoltaics, horizontal agrivoltaics, or stilted agrivoltaics. Similarly, the term “solar sharing” used in Japan illustrates the understanding of a higher and a lower layer to harvest twice.

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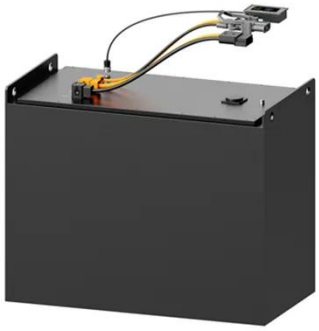

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