

# Can corn be grown underground with photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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A groundbreaking study conducted by Purdue University has revealed that corn, typically known for its need for full sunlight, can indeed grow effectively under solar panels if they are sufficiently elevated. We wanted to know whether we can successfully grow corn with mechanized planting and harvesting under an array of photovoltaic panels, commonly known as solar panels. They conclude agrivoltaics could offer a viable strategy to ease the current tradeoff between energy production, greenhouse gas emissions, food production and. In fact, it would require about 31 hectares of corn ethanol to produce the same amount of energy generated by one hectare of land covered in solar panels. Let the best of Anthropocene come to you. Solar energy expansion is often viewed as a threat to US food security. This research, highlighted in three recent publications, is pioneering the integration of solar energy in.

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Sprouting out of the corn like a super crop are four arrays of solar panels standing 20 feet high and towering above the stalks growing below. Both corn and panels are harvesting the sun.

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One such solution is agrivoltaics, a practice of co-producing food and energy by installing photovoltaics on agricultural farmland. Through extensive corn growth data, we present a calibrated ...



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A Purdue University study reveals corn can successfully grow under elevated solar panels, marking a breakthrough in agrivoltaics.



[Solar panels in cornfields? Experiments yield promising results.](#)

Corn was successfully growing under elevated photovoltaic panels at Purdue University's research farm near West Lafayette, Indiana, in the summer of 2023 as part of a research study.



[What's more efficient: Growing corn for energy or solar?](#)

The comparison shows the much lower efficiency of growing corn for energy, compared to solar production. In fact the study says that it would require about 31 hectares of corn ethanol to ...



[Corn grows with solar panels in new study . Wisconsin Ag Connection](#)

Located in an Indiana cornfield, the experimental solar panels are mounted on stilts towering 20 feet above the ground--nearly four times the height of standard solar arrays. This unique ...



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Planting corn under PV panels with 40 % spacing produced 5.6 % higher yields per square meter than regular lands. The agrivoltaic system influenced interested locals positively.

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The other three scenarios feature agrivoltaics with corn growing beneath them, with an estimated 5.5% of the land occupied by solar structures and unavailable for crop growth.



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