

Title: Can chicory be grown under photovoltaic panels

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Can photovoltaic panels increase food security in chicory plants?

Mainly chicory plants were grown in full sunlight (control plot) and shade plots generated by potential photovoltaic panels. Two water regimes (high and low water supply) were used to analyze variations in food security in both plots.

Can the agrivoltaic effect be replicated for other varieties of chicory?

Although our study specifically focuses on the chicory crop (*Cichorium intybus* L., Otrantina variety), it is conceivable that the SAS effect in the agrivoltaic can be replicated for other varieties of chicory or, more broadly, for leafy crops.

Do shaded chicory plants produce more biomass?

In this study, chicory plants grown in shaded conditions beneath PV panels exhibited a 41% increase in biomass production compared to full sunlight conditions with the same HWR. Similarly, shaded plants in the low watered regime (LWR) group produced 46% more biomass than their full sunlight counterparts.

Does a panel-generated Shadow affect chicory crop production?

In this context, we have investigated the influence of a panel-generated shadow on chicory crop production in terms of plant biomass yield and its quality for human health under different water irrigation regimes.

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 ...

These crops are commonly grown underneath solar infrastructure and for good reason - they thrive! Although these are recommendations, they should not be viewed as limitations.

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.

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 ...

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Our results show that the shading system has a remarkable capacity to increase edible chicory biomass production compared to full sunlight conditions of 69% and 23%, respectively for ...

Agrivoltaics--growing crops beneath solar panels--isn't just possible; it's increasingly proving to be advantageous for certain crops and farming operations. This innovative approach ...

Agrivoltaics refers to any type of farming or crop cultivation that occurs underneath or around solar panels. Crops can thrive under solar panels since they protect from the harsh sun. ...

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