Planting alfalfa under desert photovoltaic panels

Why do alfalfa have panels?

The presence of the panels led to a reduction in evapotranspirationand therefore better efficiency of the use of water by the alfalfa due to the thin soil. This was accompanied by a morphological adaptation of the alfalfa to shading,with elongation of the stems and enlargement of the leaflets.

Can agriphotovoltaic systems be used to grow alfalfa?

Over a period of two years, this research has been investigating an agriphotovoltaic (APV) system with mobile panels along two axes of rotation. The studied crop is alfalfa, a grassland species that has received little attention under these conditions.

Do mobile panels increase alfalfa production?

Conclusions This study shows that over the two years of experimentation the presence of mobile panels allowed an increase in alfalfa production (+10 %) for shading percentage between 29 % - 44 % compared to a full sun situation (835 g.m -2.year -1).

Should solar farms be built in desert areas?

In contrast,desert areas with high solar irradiation and sufficient land resources are perfectfor establishing large-scale PV farms. China has already built several large-scale PV farms in northwestern desert areas,bringing unexpected regional ecological and economic benefits (Xia et al.,2022).

The photovoltaic (PV) greenhouses are closed agrivoltaic (CA) systems that allow the production of energy and food on the same land, but may result in a yield reduction when the shading of the PV ...

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PV panels in the Mediterranean climate zone reduce photosynthetically active radiation (PAR), which reduces the biomass under the PV panels, with an increase in shade plants under the ...

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Photovoltaic power generation is an important clean energy alternative to fossil fuels. To reduce CO2 emissions, the Chinese government has ordered the construction of a large number of ...

This suggests that growing alfalfa under solar panels will give the plants a better chance of survival over the winter and will allow that, slowly over time, the alfalfa plants will adapt and ...

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Historically and in terms of photovoltaic structures dedicated to APV, fixed panel studies overhanging the crop have been mostly conducted ([8], [15], [10]) but also for vertical panels [19], ...

The Binhe New District on the eastern banks of the Yellow River in Ningxia used to be a harsh desert environment. Baofeng Group has been managing this desertified patch of 107 square ...

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