

Are agrivoltaic systems feasible in Europe?

Researchers at Aarhus University in Denmark have investigated different types of agrivoltaic configurations and found considerable differences in potential across Europe. They considered two different characteristics of the feasibility of agrivoltaic systems: the potential of PV systems and their influence on the underlying farmland.

Can agrivoltaics improve land-use efficiency?

Agrivoltaics systems have been proposed as a solution to increase the land-use efficiency by combining PV and agriculture. Partial shading of crops by PV panels leads to some yield losses, but may provide synergistic benefits, including crop protection from extreme weather conditions such as hail, frost, snow, and sunburn.

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Can agrivoltaic systems produce 25 times the current electricity demand?

"The potential for agrivoltaic is enormous as the electricity generated by agrivoltaic systems could produce 25 times the current electricity demand in Europe," the researchers said in "Comparative analysis of photovoltaic configurations for agrivoltaic systems in Europe," which was published in Progress in Photovoltaics.

What is the potential capacity of agrivoltaic in Europe?

Overall, the potential capacity for agrivoltaic in Europe is 51 TW, which would result in an electricity yield of 71,500 TWh/year, the researchers calculate.

Can agrivoltaics help reduce fossil fuel imports?

Roughly 4% of the agricultural land would suffice to produce 100 Mton per year, the equivalent of all the natural gas consumption across the EU in 2022. Agrivoltaics could serve as the missing piece for reducing fossil fuel imports and reaching aggressive renewable energy targets.

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By combining agriculture with photovoltaic technology, Agrivoltaic creates a dual use of the land by optimising crop production and producing energy at the same time. Such a system can be found in HyPERFarm, an EU Horizon 2020 project.

The idea of agrivoltaic is to integrate PV and farming with the aim of occupying less land and investigating possible win-win solutions. The crop production can also deliver energy products apart from food and feed.

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