

Planting aloe vera under photovoltaic panels

Do photovoltaic panels affect aloe plant morphology?

The semi-shade (zone 2) and shade (zone 3) produced by the photovoltaic panels were seen to have an impact on leaf colour, biomass and morphology of the aloe plants compared with those grown in the control zone.

Do photovoltaic panels affect plant growth?

While plants grown under the photovoltaic panels (zone 3) had lower height and biomass than those grown under control conditions (zone 1), plants in zone 2 showed the greatest vegetative development, with significant differences compared with the control in terms of plant height and leaf volume.

How do plants cool a solar panel?

Plant leaves cool by evaporating latent heat. Plant types such as succulent plants (Brahmi/Centella asiatica, Aloe vera) can enhance the cooling and efficiency of PV panels. Leafy greens like lettuce and spinach thrive in partial shade [,,] while drought-tolerant beans and peppers need less water [3,16,17].

How to plant a crop under a fixed PV system?

Crops suitable for planting under fixed PV systems, along with the crop growth parameters, should be identified. Agrivoltaic systems must water the plants on a daily basis. Material corrosion should be monitored since moisture under the solar panel may affect the plant structure.

How to design a photovoltaic panel for agriculture?

The design must consider crop type, spacing, height, PV panel orientation, and spacing [23, 73]. Coverage rate of PV panels: Huang et al. discuss the difficulties of determining photovoltaic panel coverage for agriculture. Different regions have different crops and environments, and solar panel material affects transparency.

How to choose a solar panel agrivoltaic system?

It is critical to choose shade-tolerant crops as solar panels shade the crops. Leafy greens, herbs, and some vegetables are best. Ground-mounted agrivoltaic systems' solar panel foundations can suffer from excessive soil moisture. Succulents and other crops with low water requirements can be chosen to avoid stability problems.

Solar energy systems are a suitable option to replace fossil fuels [5, 6]. The costs of Photovoltaic (PV) panel systems have continuously decreased, leading to a rapid rise in the ...

The aim of this work was to assess the impact of a photovoltaic plant on the development of Aloe vera, a crop of great medicinal interest with low water and fertilization needs, and well adapted ...

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Aloe vera (or Aloe barbadensis, or Barbados aloe) is an attractive house plant with spiky, fleshy leaves that are serrated at the edges "s a succulent that hails from hot, arid regions of the world, and stores water in its ...

Aloe Barbadensis Miller, commonly known as Aloe vera, has been widely used in different applications, such as medicinal treatments and cosmetic products. However, its transportation and handling present ...

When planting Aloe Vera outdoors, make sure to choose a well-draining soil. Aloe Vera does not like to sit in water, so it is important to use a soil mix that drains well. You can also add some sand or gravel to the soil to ...

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Anatomy of Aloe Vera plant Aloe Vera plant is a type of water-retaining plant from the succulent species of plants, which can survive in an arid environment for a long period. It is a single stem ...

2.1 Totana PV plant The study has been carried out at a PV plant located in Totana (Murcia) owned by EGP. The soil of the test area has been classified as alkaline soil (pH >7.5) and has ...

