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Is it safe to install photovoltaic panels in orchards



Overview

Solar panels above orchard trees not only generate electricity for things like irrigation and post-harvest storage, but sunburn and hail damage impacts can be reduced significantly under agrivoltaics. At Agriculture Victoria's Tatura SmartFarm, researchers are testing agrivoltaics – solar panels placed over a pear orchard – to create afternoon shade while producing clean energy. Raising the height of PV panels, however, can increase the cost of the solar installation due to the need for additional steel for the foundational posts. The length of steel foundational posts underground may vary. Crops can thrive under solar panels since they protect from the harsh sun. Grapevines do very well. One of the great advantages of this new technology is that, thanks to its height (4. The specific materials you'll need can vary depending on your location.

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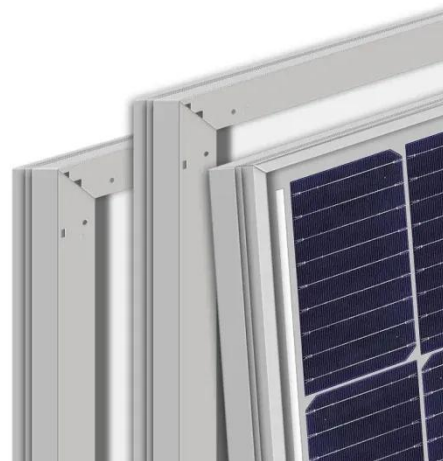
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