# **AV Simulation REAP50**

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Collocating Specialty Crops and Solar panels in Alabama, Southeastern USA. A paper for Choice Magazine, AAEA.

### 1 Setting Up

#### 1.1 Housekeeping

```
rm(list = ls()) # Clean the environment.
options(
  warn = 0, # Warnings. options(warn=-1) / options(warn=0)
  scipen = 999 # No scientific notations.
)
```

#### 1.2 Load libraries

```
library(tidyverse, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr
          1.1.4
                   v readr
                                 2.1.5
v forcats 1.0.0
                   v stringr
                                 1.5.1
v ggplot2 3.5.1 v tibble
                                 3.2.1
v lubridate 1.9.3
                     v tidyr
                                 1.3.1
           1.0.2
v purrr
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()
                 masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become
library(psych, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(likert, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(mice, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(openxlsx2, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(ggpubr, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(gmodels, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(reshape2, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(pacman, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(progress, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
library(arrow, warn.conflicts = FALSE, quietly = TRUE)
```

#### 1.3 Theme for plots

Setting theme for plots:

```
###### Plotting Data: #####
# Map Theme:
plottheme <- ggplot() +</pre>
  theme_void() +
  # Mapping theme:
  theme(axis.title = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text = element_blank(),
        panel.border = element_blank(),
        plot.margin = margin(t = 0,
                             r = 0,
                             b = 0,
                             1 = 0,
                              unit = "cm"),
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        plot.background = element_rect(fill = "white",
                                        color = "black",
                                        linewidth = 0),
        panel.background = element_rect(fill = "white",
                                         color = "black",
                                         linewidth = 0),
        panel.grid.major.x = element_line(color = "lightgrey",
                                           linetype = 2,
                                           linewidth = 0),
        panel.grid.minor.x = element_line(color = "lightgrey",
                                           linetype = 2,
                                           linewidth = 0),
        panel.grid.major.y = element_line(color = "grey",
                                           linetype = 2,
                                           linewidth = 0),
        panel.grid.minor.y = element_line(color = "grey",
                                           linetype = 2,
                                           linewidth = 0),
        axis.line.x.top = element_line(color = "white",
                                        linetype = 2,
                                        linewidth = 0),
        axis.line.y.right = element_line(color = "white",
                                          linetype = 2,
                                          linewidth = 0),
```

```
axis.line.x.bottom = element_line(color = "black",
                                  linetype = 1,
                                  linewidth = 0),
axis.line.y.left = element_line(color = "black",
                                linetype = 1,
                                linewidth = 0),
# Text formatting:
text = element_text(family = "serif", # font
                    size = 12, # font size
                    colour = "black"# font color
),
legend.key = element_rect(color = "black",
                          fill = NA,
                          linewidth = 0.05,
                          linetype = 1),
legend.justification = "right",
legend.direction = "horizontal")
```

## 2 Import data

Import necessary data.

#### 2.1 Tomato

- Yield = Total tomato production (total bucket of 25 lb) from 1 acres of land which varies from 10% to 200% of total production (100%). The range was simulated by multiplying 100% yield by yldvar.
- yldvar = Yield variation parameter ranges from 10% to 200%.
- Rev17 to Rev23 = Revenue for price ranges of \$17 to \$23 per bucket of tomato.
- Total cost = Total cost of production for the given yield.
- rolac17 to rolac23= Return to operator, labor and capital for price range of \$17 to \$23.
- operator Cost = Operator labor cost at \$15/hour for given yield. For 100% yield, total hours = 90.
- rlc17 to 23 = Return to land and capital after subtracting operator cost from total revenue.

```
21 obs. of 25 variables:
'data.frame':
$ yldvar
                      2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
               : num
$ yield
               : num
                      2720 2584 2448 2312 2176 ...
$ Rev17
                      46240 43928 41616 39304 36992 ...
               : num
$ Rev18
                      48960 46512 44064 41616 39168 ...
               : num
$ Rev19
                      51680 49096 46512 43928 41344 ...
               : num
$ Rev20
                     54400 51680 48960 46240 43520 ...
               : num
$ Rev21
                     57120 54264 51408 48552 45696 ...
               : num
                      59840 56848 53856 50864 47872 ...
$ Rev22
               : num
                      62560 59432 56304 53176 50048 ...
$ Rev23
               : num
$ Total Cost : num 24561 23863 23165 22467 21769 ...
$ rolac17
                     21679 20065 18451 16837 15223 ...
              : num
$ rolac18
              : num 24399 22649 20899 19149 17399 ...
              : num 27119 25233 23347 21461 19575 ...
$ rolac19
$ rolac20
               : num 29839 27817 25795 23773 21751 ...
                      32559 30401 28243 26085 23927 ...
$ rolac21
               : num
$ rolac22
                      35279 32985 30691 28397 26103 ...
               : num
$ rolac23
               : num
                      37999 35569 33139 30709 28279 ...
$ Operator Cost: num
                      2700 2565 2430 2295 2160 ...
$ rlc17
                      18979 17500 16021 14542 13063 ...
               : num
$ rlc18
                     21699 20084 18469 16854 15239 ...
               : num
$ rlc19
                     24419 22668 20917 19166 17415 ...
               : num
                      27139 25252 23365 21478 19591 ...
$ rlc20
               : num
                      29859 27836 25813 23790 21767 ...
$ rlc21
               : num
$ rlc22
                     32579 30420 28261 26102 23943 ...
               : num
$ rlc223
               : num 35299 33004 30709 28414 26119 ...
```

#### 2.2 Strawberry

• Everything same as tomato.

• Numbers 3 to 9 in names are price ranges for strawberry.

```
'data.frame':
               21 obs. of 25 variables:
$ yldvar
               : num
                      2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
$ yield
               : num 6150 5843 5535 5228 4920 ...
$ Rev3
               : num
                      18450 17529 16605 15684 14760 ...
$ Rev4
                      24600 23372 22140 20912 19680 ...
               : num
$ Rev5
               : num 30750 29215 27675 26140 24600 ...
$ Rev6
               : num 36900 35058 33210 31368 29520 ...
$ Rev7
               : num
                      43050 40901 38745 36596 34440 ...
$ Rev8
               : num 49200 46744 44280 41824 39360 ...
               : num 55350 52587 49815 47052 44280 ...
$ Rev9
$ Total Cost : num
                      17731 17386 17040 16694 16348 ...
$ rolac3
               : num
                      719 143 -435 -1010 -1588 ...
$ rolac4
                      6869 5986 5100 4218 3332 ...
               : num
$ rolac5
                      13019 11829 10635 9446 8252 ...
               : num
$ rolac6
                      19169 17672 16170 14674 13172 ...
               : num
                      25319 23515 21705 19902 18092 ...
$ rolac7
               : num
$ rolac8
               : num
                      31469 29358 27240 25130 23012 ...
$ rolac9
                      37619 35201 32775 30358 27932 ...
               : num
$ Operator Cost: num
                      2700 2565 2430 2295 2160 ...
$ rlc3
                      -1981 -2422 -2865 -3306 -3748 ...
               : num
               : num 4169 3421 2670 1922 1172 ...
$ rlc4
$ rlc5
                      10319 9264 8205 7150 6092 ...
               : num
$ rlc6
                      16469 15107 13740 12378 11012 ...
               : num
$ rlc7
               : num 22619 20950 19275 17606 15932 ...
               : num 28769 26793 24810 22834 20852 ...
$ rlc8
               : num 34919 32636 30345 28062 25772 ...
$ rlc9
```

#### 2.3 Squash

- Everything same as tomato and strawberry.
- Numbers 11 to 17 in names are price ranges for squash.

```
'data.frame':
                21 obs. of 25 variables:
$ yldvar
                       2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
$ yield
                       2180 2071 1962 1853 1744 ...
                : num
                       23980 22781 21582 20383 19184 ...
$ Rev11
                : num
$ Rev12
                       26160 24852 23544 22236 20928 ...
                : num
$ Rev13
                : num
                       28340 26923 25506 24089 22672 ...
$ Rev14
                       30520 28994 27468 25942 24416 ...
                : num
$ Rev15
                       32700 31065 29430 27795 26160 ...
                : num
                       34880 33136 31392 29648 27904 ...
$ Rev16
                : num
$ Rev17
                       37060 35207 33354 31501 29648 ...
                : num
$ Total Cost
                : num
                       13671 13174 12676 12179 11682 ...
                       10309 9607 8906 8204 7502 ...
$ rolac11
                : num
$ rolac12
                       12489 11678 10868 10057 9246 ...
                : num
$ rolac13
                : num
                       14669 13749 12830 11910 10990 ...
$ rolac14
                : num
                       16849 15820 14792 13763 12734 ...
$ rolac15
                : num
                       19029 17891 16754 15616 14478 ...
$ rolac16
                       21209 19962 18716 17469 16222 ...
                : num
                       23389 22033 20678 19322 17966 ...
$ rolac17
                : num
$ Operator Cost: num
                       2700 2565 2430 2295 2160 ...
$ rlc11
                : num
                       7609 7042 6476 5909 5342 ...
$ rlc12
                       9789 9113 8438 7762 7086 ...
                : num
$ rlc13
                       11969 11184 10400 9615 8830 ...
                : num
                       14149 13255 12362 11468 10574 ...
$ rlc14
                : num
$ rlc15
                       16329 15326 14324 13321 12318 ...
                : num
$ rlc16
                       18509 17397 16286 15174 14062 ...
                : num
$ rlc17
                       20689 19468 18248 17027 15806 ...
                : num
```

#### 2.4 Electricity price

Electricity price ranges from 1 cents to 6 cents in 0.5 cent increment. Previously, I used AL retail electricity price as described below. It's no longer in use but I put description below for the record.

Electricity price (\$/kWh) was retail electricity price range for Alabama based on retail electricity price in April 2023 and April 2024 taken from DOE Database. Retail electricity price range in Alabama was from 6.44 to 15.85 cents/kWh in April 2023 and April 2024 which represents industry, commercial, and residential prices.

```
$epr_kwh
```

[1] 0.010 0.015 0.020 0.025 0.030 0.035 0.040 0.045 0.050 0.055 0.060

#### 2.5 PV system cost

- Data taken from "Capital Costs for Dual-Use Photovoltaic Installations: 2020 Benchmark" Table 1 and Figure 3.
- This data was used to estimate CAPEX.
- avtyps = agrivoltaic types.
- item = itemized component of system.
- cost = cost of each item.
- height = ground to panel clearance height (ft.)
- tcost = Total cost is the sum of all itemized cost for AV system. See figure 3 and table 1 in above document for more detail.

```
'data.frame': 108 obs. of 5 variables:
$ avtyps: chr "Typical Fixed PV" "Typical Fixed PV" "Typical Fixed PV"
$ item : chr "EPC/Developer Net Profit" "Developer Overhead" "Contingency(3%)" "Interconnet cost : num   0.11 0.15 0.05 0.03 0.02 0.05 0.12 0.18 0.24 0.11 ...
$ height: num   4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 ...
```

#### 2.6 Capex and Plot

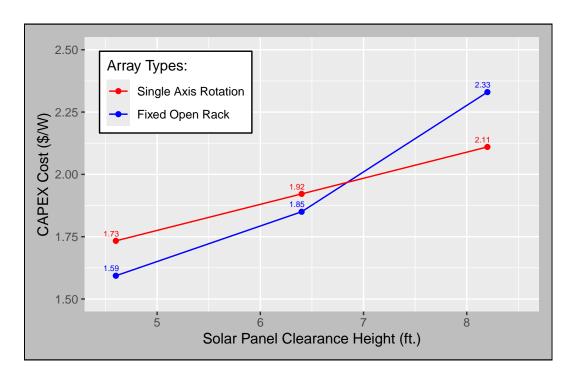
Variable Descriptions:

- Capex: Capital investment cost (\$/W) to develop solar energy system. Capex includes cost of physical structure, developer's overhead and EPC/Developer's net profit.
- capex estimated as f(height, tracker) using OLS for 6.4 ft Tracking system.

- Height = ground to panel clearance in ft.
- array: Solar array. Tracker = Single axis sun tracking panels; Fixed = Non-tracking panels.
- Source: Horowitz, 2020. CAPEX AV.

```
capex %>%
  ggplot(aes(
    x = height,
    y = capex,
    color = array,
    group = array
)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  # Display the rounded capex values
```

```
geom_text(aes(label = sprintf("%.2f", capex)),
          vjust = -0.8,
          hjust = 0.8,
          size = 2,
          check_overlap = TRUE,
          show.legend = FALSE
          ) +
labs(
  #title = "CAPEX Cost by Solar Panel Height",
 x = "Solar Panel Clearance Height (ft.)",
 y = "CAPEX Cost ($/W)",
  color = "Array Types:"
  ) +
scale_x_continuous(limits = c(4.5, 8.5)) +
scale_y_continuous(limits = c(1.5, 2.5)) +
guides(color = guide_legend(reverse = TRUE)) +
theme(
  plot.background = element_rect(
   fill = "grey",
    color = "black"
    ),
  legend.position = "inside",
  legend.position.inside = c(0.2, 0.8),
  legend.background = element_rect(
   fill = "white",
    color = "black"
    ),
 plot.margin = margin(10, 10, 10, 10)
) +
scale_color_manual(
  values = c("Fixed" = "blue",
            "Tracking" = "red"),
  labels = c("Fixed Open Rack",
             "Single Axis Rotation")
```



```
# Save the plot
ggsave(
  filename = "Plots/CAPEX Solar Panels R50.png",
  width = 8,
  height = 6,
  units = "in"
)
```

### 2.7 Panel Configuration

• Panel configuration and DV system output (W).

```
21 obs. of 21 variables:
'data.frame':
$ Total Area (Acre)
                              : num
                                    1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ Total Area (Sq. Ft.)
                                   43560 43560 43560 43560 ...
                              : num
$ Solar Proportion
                              : num 1 0.95 0.9 0.85 0.8 0.75 0.7 0.65 0.6 0.55 ...
$ Solar Proportion Area (Sq. Ft.): num 43560 41382 39204 37026 34848 ...
$ Solar Proportion Area (Sq.M.) : num
                                    4047 3845 3642 3440 3237 ...
$ Side Length (ft.)
                                    209 209 209 209 ...
                              : num
$ YSide Length (ft.)
                                    209 209 209 209 ...
                              : num
$ XSide length (ft.)
                                    209 198 188 177 167 ...
                              : num
$ Panel Length (ft.)
                              : num
                                    $ Row Seperator (ft.)
                                    666666666...
                              : num
                                    3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 ...
$ Panel Width(ft.)
                              : num
$ Panel Area (Sq. ft.)
                                    27.1 27.1 27.1 27.1 27.1 ...
                              : num
$ Panels/Row
                                    59 59 59 59 59 59 59 59 59 ...
                              : num
$ Total Rows
                              : num
                                    15 14 13 12 12 11 10 9 9 8 ...
$ Total Panels
                                    885 826 767 708 708 649 590 531 531 472 ...
                              : num
$ Array Area (Sq. Ft.)
                                    24006 22405 20805 19205 19205 ...
                              : num
$ Array Area (Sq. M.)
                                    2230 2082 1933 1784 1784 ...
                              : num
$ XSide Open Length (ft)
                              : num 92 100 107 115 115 123 131 138 138 146 ...
$ Inter Panel Spacing (ft)
                              : num 6 7 8 10 10 12 14 17 17 20 ...
                              $ Panel Efficienfy
$ DC System Size (kW)
                              : num 424 395 367 339 339 ...
```

#### 2.8 Energy output

Energy output was simulated using NREL PV Watts Calculator.

- sprop = land proportion covered by solar in 1 acres. Value ranges from 0 to 1.
- Panels = Total number of panels in 1 acres of land.
- datalot: 1 = first simulation done for four regions of AL; 2 = second simulation done for four regions of AL. Two simulations have two unique zipcodes for each simulated region.
- al\_regs = regions of Alabama
- zips = zipcodes selected from each region of AL for simulation.
- array = Fixed (open rack); 1AxisRot = 1 Axis Tracking. See above NREL tool for more detail.
- dc\_kw = DC system size, calculated for each solar panel heights considering solar panels
  efficiency and area covered by solar panels.

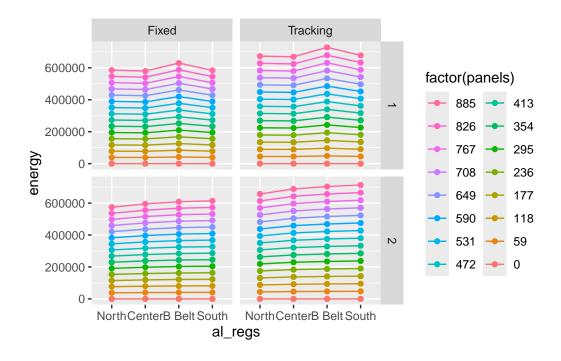
• energy = total energy output (kWh/Year) considering system parameters. Total hours considered by the model is 8,760 (See PV Watts Calculator Results > help (below the result) > results > download monthly or hourly results).

```
energy_output <- read_xlsx("Data/Parameters.xlsx",</pre>
                            sheet = "Energy Output",
                            start_row = 1,
                           start_col = 1,
                            skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
                            skip_empty_cols = TRUE,
                            col_names = TRUE) %>%
 rename(sprop = `Solar Proportion`,
         panels = `Total Panels`,
         datalot = DataLot,
         al_regs = `Region of AL`,
         zips = ZIPCODE,
         array = `Array Type`,
         dc_kw = `DC System Size (kW)`,
         energy = `Energy (kWh/Year)`) %>%
 mutate(
    dc_kw = round(dc_kw, 2),
    array = case_when(
      array == "1AxisRot" ~ "Tracking",
      array == "FixedOpen" ~ "Fixed",
      TRUE ~ array)
str(energy_output)
```

#### 2.8.1 By # of panels

Plotting Energy output by number of solar panels in one acres of AV system from fixed and single axis rotation system for two zipcodes (1, 2) within each of the four regions of AL.

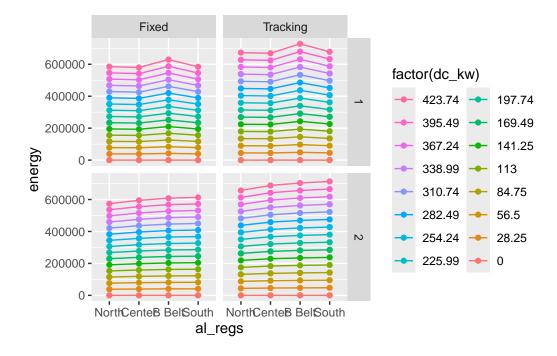
```
lox <- c("Northern", "Central", "Black Belt", "Southern")</pre>
array_levs = c("Single Axis Rotation", "Fixed Open Rack")
datalot_levs = c("Location 1", "Location 2")
ggplot(data = energy_output,
         mapping = aes(x = al_regs,
                       y = energy,
                       #fill = energy,
                       color = factor(panels),
                       group = factor(panels))) +
  geom_line()+
  geom_point() +
  facet_grid(datalot~array) +
  scale_x_discrete(limits = lox,
                   labels = c("North", "Center",
                               "B Belt", "South")) +
  guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 2,
                               reverse = TRUE))
```



rm(lox); rm(array\_levs); rm(datalot\_levs)

#### 2.8.2 By DC System Size

Plotting Energy output by DC System Size from fixed and single axis rotation system for two zipcodes (1, 2) within each of the four regions of AL.



## 3 Solar Energy Calculation

#### 3.1 Simulation: Energy Revenue

- elcprc = electricity price. See Electricity price data for more detail.
- elcrev = Revenue from electricity for given electricity prices. See "energy output" and "electricity price" dataset for more details.
- I filtered datalot 2–I did not take average of "energy" from datalot 1 and datalot 2–to minimize computation time.

```
# Convert to data frames if they are not already
matrix1 <- energy_output %>%
  group_by(sprop, al_regs, array, dc_kw, panels) %>%
  dplyr::filter(datalot == 2) %>%
  # Compute mean of datalot 1 and datalot 2:
  summarise(
    energy = mean(energy),
    .groups = 'drop'
    ) # dimension of matrix is 168*6
matrix2 <- elec_price # dimension of matrix is 11*1</pre>
# Initialize the result data frame
# energy_revenue <- data.frame(matrix(nrow = 1848, ncol = 9))</pre>
energy_revenue <- data.frame(</pre>
  matrix(nrow = nrow(matrix2)*nrow(matrix1),
         ncol = ncol(matrix2)+ncol(matrix1)+1))
# Variable to keep track of the row index in the result matrix
row_index <- 1
# Loop through each value of the second matrix
for (i in 1:nrow(matrix2)) {
  # Loop through each value of the second matrix
  for (j in 1:nrow(matrix1)) {
    # First matrix, second matrix, combined two matrices.
    new_row <- c(matrix1[j, ],</pre>
                 matrix2[i, ],
```

```
matrix1$energy[j] * matrix2$epr_kwh[i])

# Assign the new row to the result matrix
energy_revenue[row_index, ] <- new_row

# Increment the row index
row_index <- row_index + 1
}

# Name the columns
colnames(energy_revenue) <- c(colnames(matrix1), "elcprc", "elcrev")

# Check for any NAs in the result
if(any(is.na(energy_revenue))) {
    na_indices <- which(is.na(energy_revenue), arr.ind = TRUE)
    print(paste("NAs found at rows:", unique(na_indices[, 1])))
} else {
    print("No NAs found in the result data frame.")
}</pre>
```

[1] "No NAs found in the result data frame."

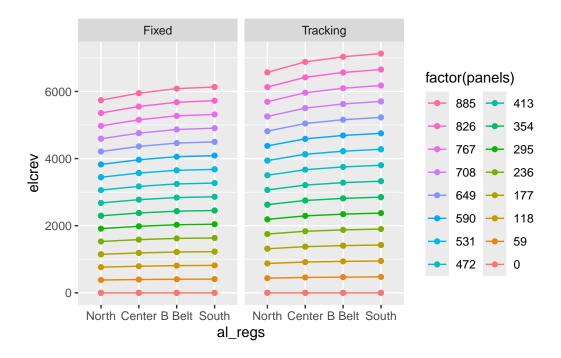
```
str(energy_revenue)
```

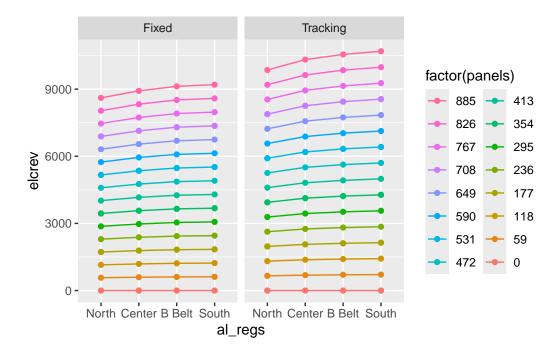
#### 3.2 Plot Revenue from Energy

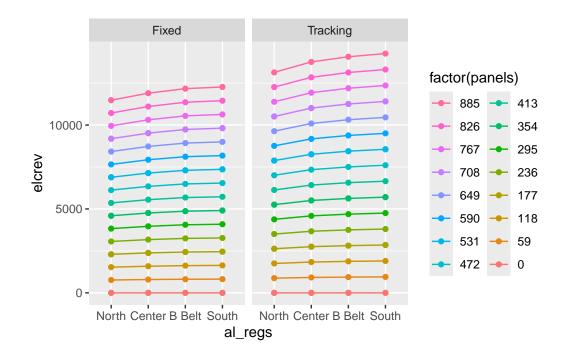
#### 3.2.1 By # of panels

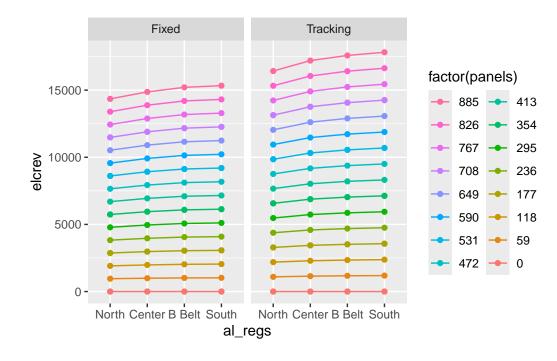
I am using data from simulation 1 for this visualization. This code plots one chart per electricity cost. There are 11 electricity cost resulting into 11 charts. Electricity revenue is average revenue of first and second lots of simulation.

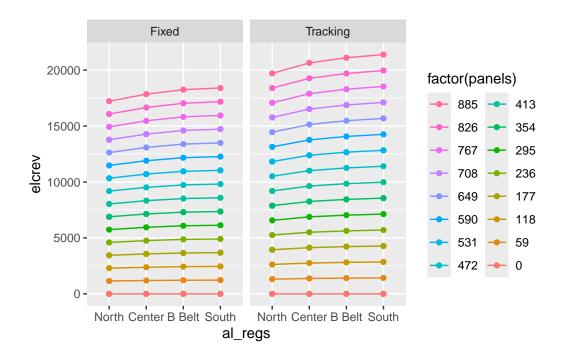
```
lox <- c("Northern", "Central", "Black Belt", "Southern")</pre>
array_levs = c("Single Axis Rotation", "Fixed Open Rack")
datalot_levs = c("Location 1", "Location 2")
for (i in unique(energy_revenue$elcprc)) {
 a = ggplot(data = (energy_revenue %>%
  dplyr::filter(elcprc == i)),
         mapping = aes(x =al_regs,
                       y = elcrev,
                       #fill = energy,
                       color = factor(panels),
                       group = factor(panels)))+
  geom_line()+
  geom_point()+
  facet_grid(.~array) +
  scale_x_discrete(limits = lox,
                   labels = c("North", "Center", "B Belt", "South")) +
   guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 2, reverse = TRUE))
 cat("Electricity Price = ", i)
print(a)
```

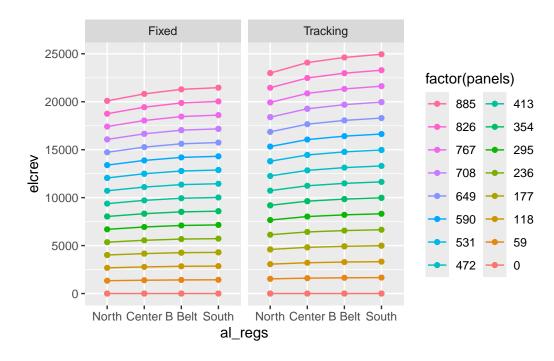


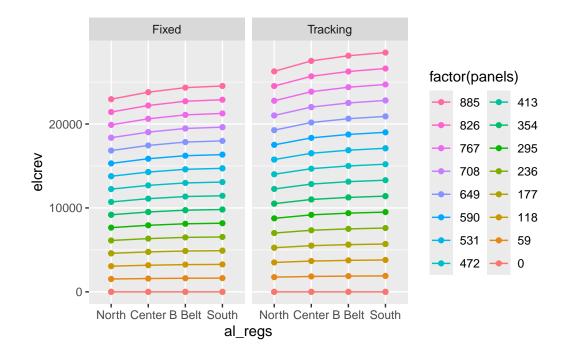


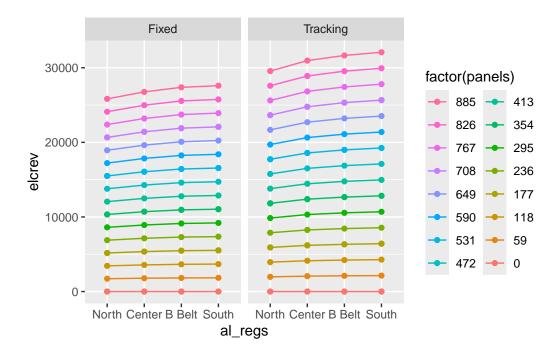


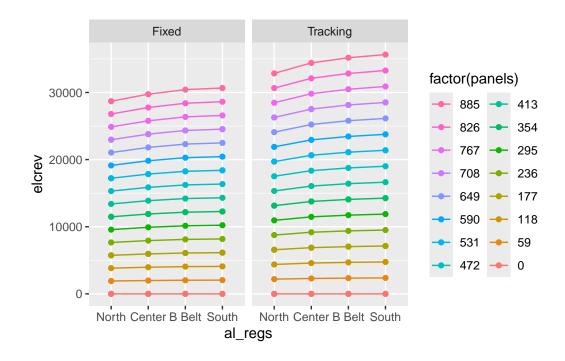


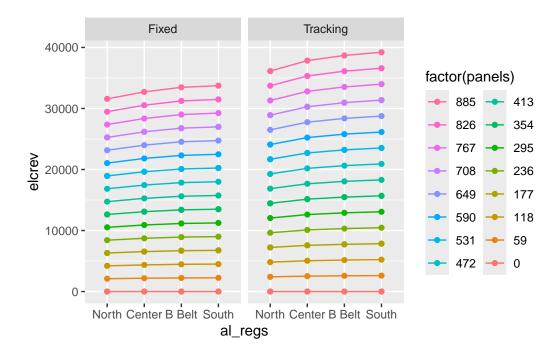


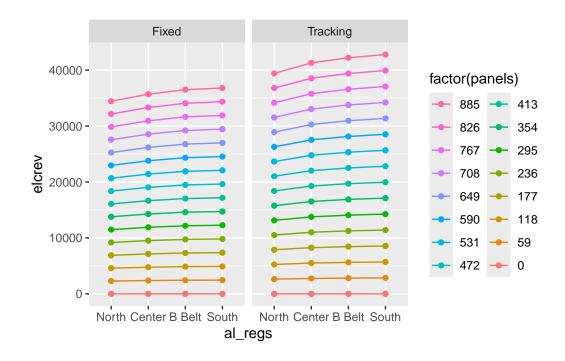










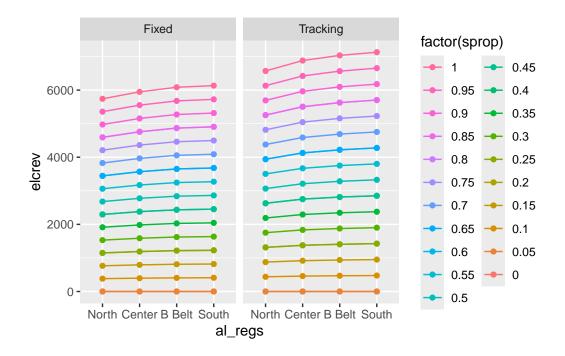


```
rm(array_levs, datalot_levs, i, lox, a)
```

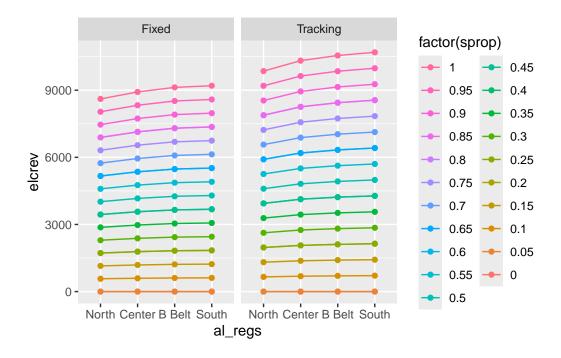
#### 3.2.2 By Land in Solar

• Two proportions may have same number of solar panels (Eg. 0.80 and 0.85, 0.20 and 0.25). So, total lines in the chart may not match with total number of legend levels. Some proportions are overlapping in the chart. See panel configuration for more detail.

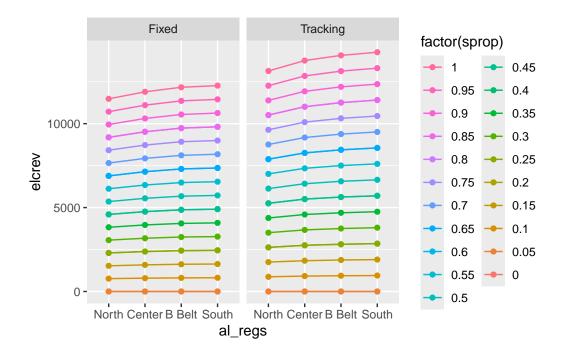
```
lox <- c("Northern", "Central", "Black Belt", "Southern")</pre>
array_levs = c("Single Axis Rotation", "Fixed Open Rack")
datalot_levs = c("Location 1", "Location 2")
for (i in unique(energy_revenue$elcprc)) {
a = ggplot(data = (energy_revenue %>%
  dplyr::filter(elcprc == i)),
         mapping = aes(x =al_regs,
                       y = elcrev,
                       #fill = energy,
                       color = factor(sprop),
                       group = factor(sprop)))+
  geom_line()+
  geom point()+
  facet_grid(.~array) +
  scale_x_discrete(limits = lox,
                   labels = c("North", "Center", "B Belt", "South")) +
   guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 2, reverse = TRUE))
 cat("Electricity Price = ", i)
print(a)
```



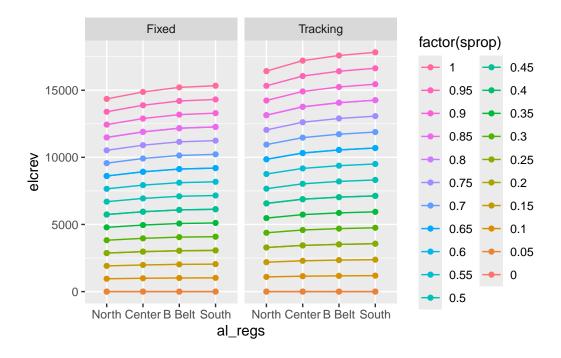
Electricity Price = 0.015



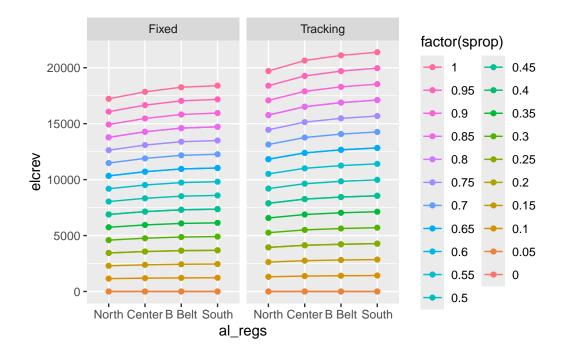
Electricity Price = 0.02



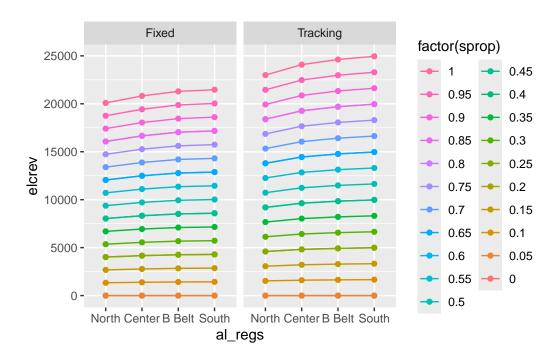
Electricity Price = 0.025



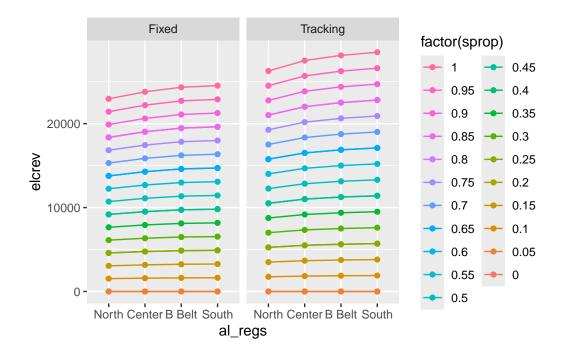
Electricity Price = 0.03



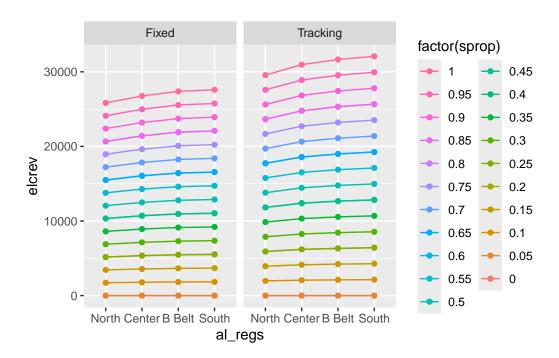
Electricity Price = 0.035



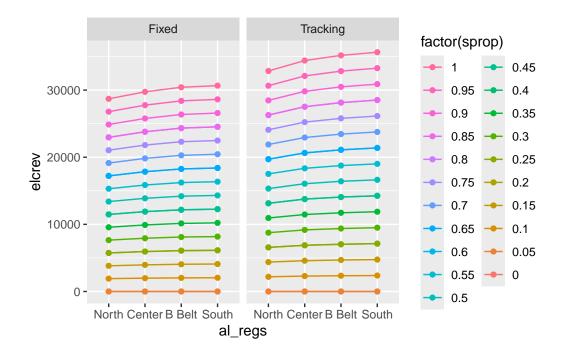
Electricity Price = 0.04



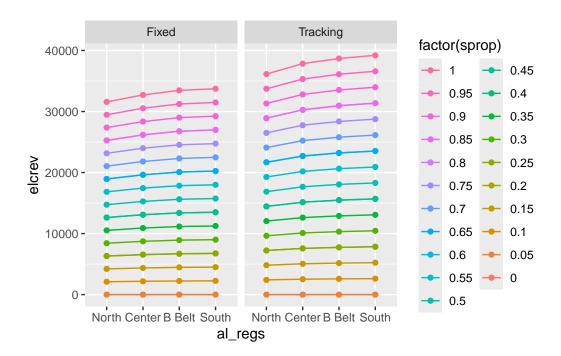
Electricity Price = 0.045



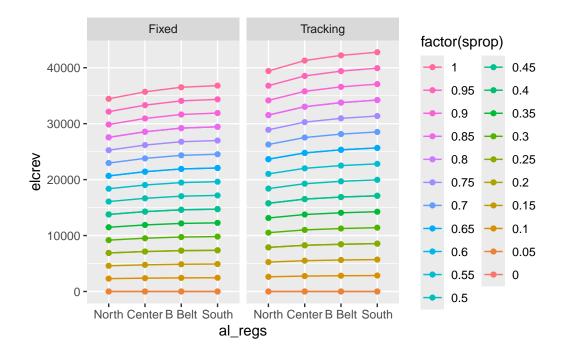
Electricity Price = 0.05



Electricity Price = 0.055



Electricity Price = 0.06



rm(lox, array levs, datalot levs, i, a)

#### 3.3 Cost and Profit from solar

- Cost of solar energy system in agrivoltaic setting.
- I used energy output per 7.75 ft.\*3.5 ft. panel (545 w), capex (\$/w), and total number of panels to get total cost for each height and panel tracking system.
- height = height of solar panels; see capex dataset for details.
- capex = capex from capex table; see capex dataset for details.
- opex = Operational cost (\$15/kW/Year) Source: Ramasamy, 2022. PV Cost Benchmark (This is revised to 3% of annual capex based on Dennis Brother's suggestion).
- ttlcost = Total cost for given DC system size.
- ann<br/>cost = Annual payment to repay loan  $(P_{ann}) = \frac{P_o(i(1+i)^t)}{(1+i)^t-1)}$ , where  $P_o = \text{CAPEX}$  loan burrowed to repay in t years; t=25, and i= annual interest rate at 5%.
- moncost = Monthly payment to repay loan  $(P_{mon}) = \frac{P_o((i/12)(1+(i/12))^{t*12})}{(1+(i/12))^{t*12}-1)}$ , where  $P_o = \text{CAPEX}$  loan burrowed to repay in t years; t = 25, and i = annual interest rate at 5%.
- inscst = insurance cost. \$5 per \$1000 capex.

- eprofit = profit from electricity after subtracting total cost (ttlcost) from total revenue (elcrev).
- eannprof = annual profit from solar after subtracting annual loan repayment distributed over 25 years.
- emonprof = monthly profit from solar after subtracting monthly loan repayment distributed over 25 years.
- eannprofworeap = annual profit without REAP benefit.
- eannprofwoincentives = Annual profit without incentives.

#### Policy Components:

- taxcr = 30% tax credit of annual cost covered through federal tax exemption (Investment tax credit).
- reap = Rural Energy for America Program reimburses 50% of capex (ttlcost) upfront. The waiting time for reimbursement is about 6 months. So, 50% of ttlcost acquire simple interest for six months. This is changed to 25% and 50%.
- recredit = renewable energy credit (\$6.60/MWh).

```
i = 0.07 # Discount/interest Rate
n = 25 # Life Span of solar panels (Years)
reapprop = 50/100 # Percentage of CAPEX covered by REAP program.
expanded_data <- energy_revenue %>%
  slice(rep(1:n(),
            each = 3))
capex_height <- rep(unique(capex$height),</pre>
                     length.out = nrow(energy_revenue))
energy_cost = cbind(expanded_data, capex_height) %>%
  rename(height = capex_height)
energy_cost <- left_join(energy_cost,</pre>
                          capex,
                          by = c("array", "height")) %>%
  mutate(
    # 7.75*3.5 sq.ft. panel energy output = 545 W.
    # Operational cost (OPEX) = $15/kW-yr; 1 kW = 1,000W.
    \# \text{ Opex} = 545*15/1000*panels,
    # Land lease cost Per acre.
```

```
landlease = 1000,
   # Total Capex
   ttlcost = capex*545*panels,
   # Cost of Insurance = $5/$1000/Yr Total capex
   inscst = ttlcost*5/1000, #Cost
   # Renewable energy credit 6.60 $/MWh
   recredit = 6.60/1000*energy, #Return
   # REAP Program = 50% of Capex - Simple interest rmbrst delay
   reap = reapprop*ttlcost - (reapprop*ttlcost)*i*0.5/100, #Return
   # Annualized cost - reap:
   annlzcost = (ttlcost - reap + inscst)*(i*(1+i)^n)/((1+i)^n-1),
   # Annualized Cost of total cost:
   annoftotcost = ttlcost*(i*(1+i)^n)/((1+i)^n-1),
   # Monthalized using monthly discount rate:
   monthlycost = ttlcost*
      ((i/12)*(1+(i/n))^(n*12))/((1+(i/12))^(n*12)-1),
   # Operational cost = 3% of annualized total capex
   opex = 3*annoftotcost/100, #Cost
   # Tax credit = 30% of annualized capex
   taxcr = 30*annoftotcost/100, #Return
   # Annualized using annual discount rate:
   anncost = annlzcost + opex
solar_profit <- energy_cost %>%
 mutate(
   # Annualized Profit
   eannprof = elcrev + recredit + taxcr - anncost,
   eannprofworeap = elcrev + recredit + taxcr - annoftotcost,
   eannprofwoincentives = elcrev - annoftotcost
```

```
'data.frame':
           5544 obs. of 24 variables:
$ sprop
                : num 0000000000...
                : chr "Black Belt" "Black Belt" "Black Belt" "Black Belt" ...
$ al_regs
                : chr "Fixed" "Fixed" "Fixed" "Tracking" ...
$ array
$ dc_kw
                : num 0000000000...
$ panels
                : num 0000000000...
                     00000000000...
$ energy
                : num
                     $ elcprc
                : num
$ elcrev
                : num
                     0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ height
               : num 4.6 6.4 8.2 4.6 6.4 8.2 4.6 6.4 8.2 4.6 ...
                : num 1.59 1.85 2.33 1.73 1.92 ...
$ capex
               $ landlease
$ ttlcost
               : num 0000000000...
$ inscst
               : num 0000000000...
$ recredit
               : num 0000000000...
                : num 0000000000...
$ reap
$ annlzcost
               : num 0000000000...
$ annoftotcost
                : num
                     00000000000...
$ monthlycost
                : num 0000000000...
                : num 0000000000...
$ opex
$ taxcr
                : num 0000000000...
$ anncost
                : num 0000000000...
$ eannprof
                : num 0000000000...
$ eannprofworeap
                : num 0000000000...
$ eannprofwoincentives: num  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
```

```
rm(capex_height, i, n, reapprop, expanded_data, energy_cost)
```

#### 3.4 Profit from Solar

Profit from solar alone at 100% PVD

Maximum profit from solar at 100% PVD at 50% REAP = 16348.39

```
pf_solar[which.max(pf_solar$eannprof),]

al_regs array height eannprof eannprofworeap
22 Southern Tracking   4.6 16348.39    -16998.23

cat("Minimum profit from solar at 100% PVD at 50% REAP = ",
    min(pf_solar$eannprof),
    fill = TRUE)
```

Minimum profit from solar at 100% PVD at 50% REAP = 4070.151

```
pf_solar[which.min(pf_solar$eannprof),]
```

```
al_regs array height eannprof eannprofworeap
15 Northern Fixed 8.2 4070.151 -40755.41
```

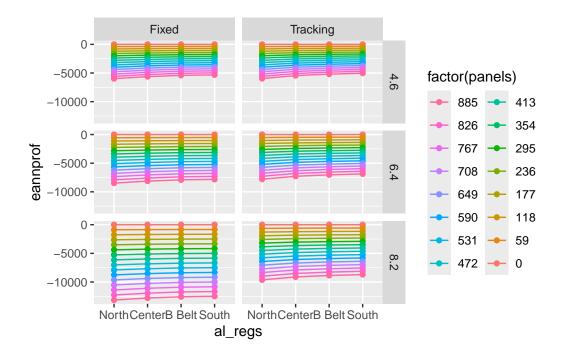
```
rm(pf_solar)
```

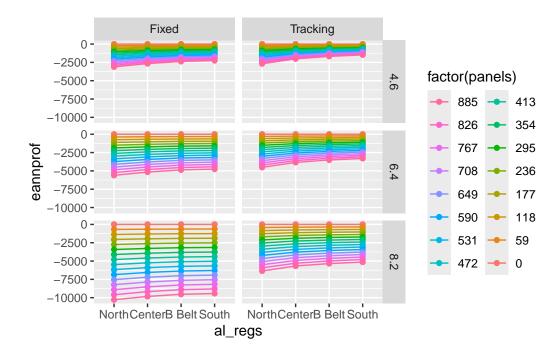
#### 3.4.1 Plot Solar profit

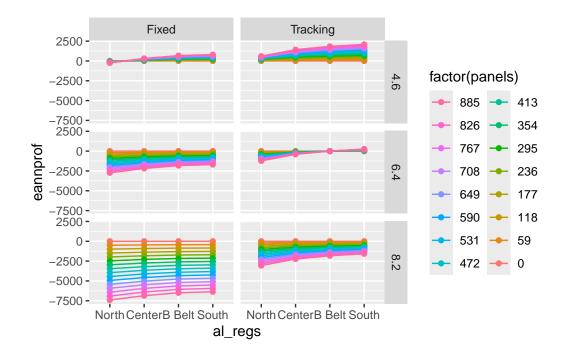
Solar annual profit by number of solar panels

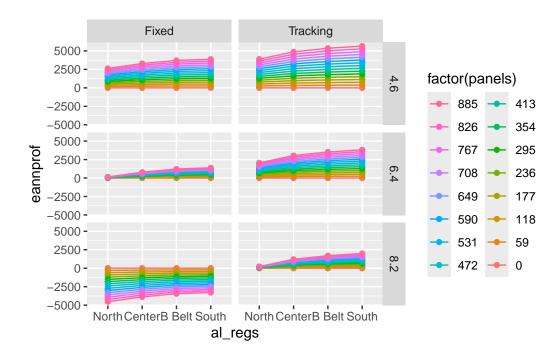
```
lox <- c("Northern", "Central", "Black Belt", "Southern")
array_levs = c("Single Axis Rotation", "Fixed Open Rack")
datalot_levs = c("Location 1", "Location 2")
  for (i in unique(solar_profit$elcprc)) {
    b = ggplot(
    data = (solar_profit %>%
```

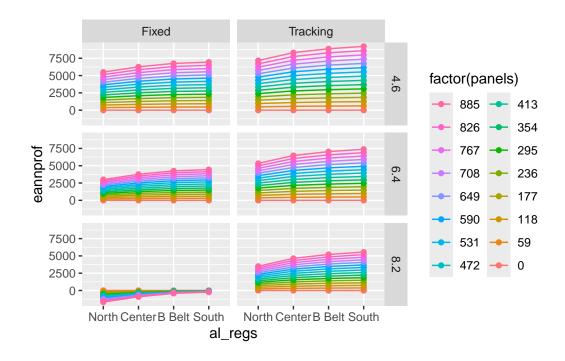
```
dplyr::filter(elcprc == i)),
  mapping = aes(
    x = al_regs,
    y = eannprof, #Annual Profit
    #fill = energy,
    color = factor(panels),
    group = factor(panels)
 )
) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_point() +
  facet_grid(height ~ array) +
  scale_x_discrete(limits = lox,
                   labels = c("North", "Center",
                              "B Belt", "South")) +
  guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 2,
                              reverse = TRUE))
cat("Electricity Price = ", i)
print(b)
```

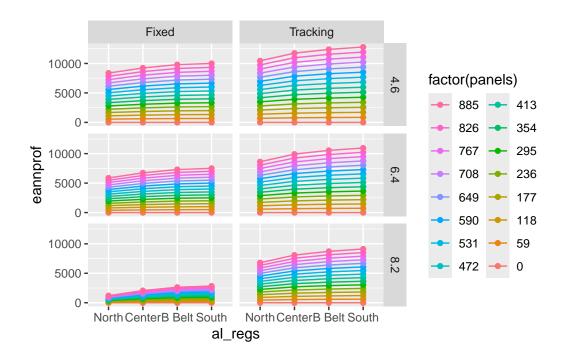




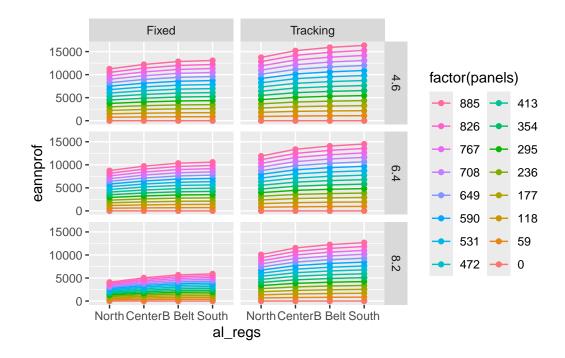


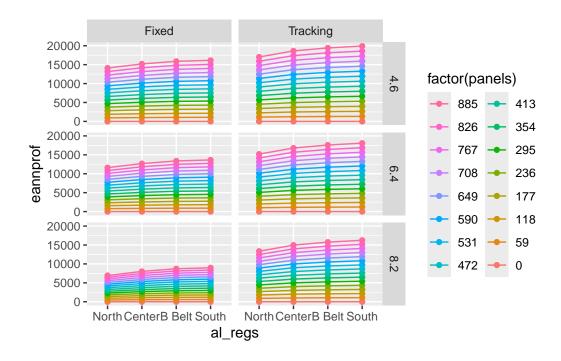


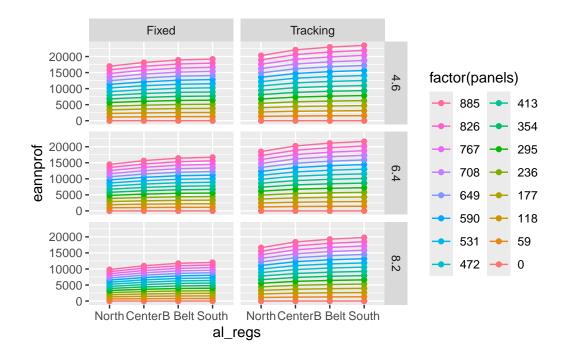


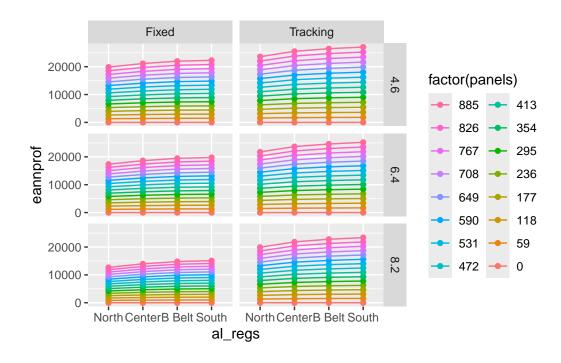


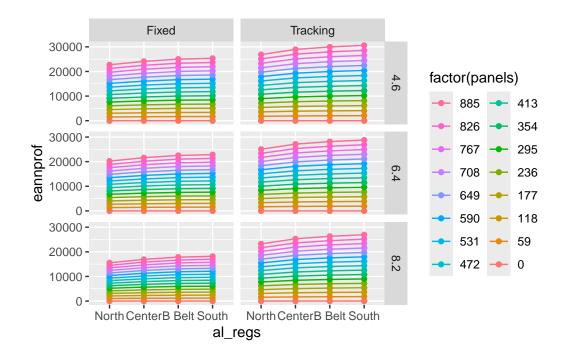
Electricity Price = 0.04











```
rm(lox, array_levs, datalot_levs, b, i)
```

# 4 Profit from crops

#### 4.1 Tomato

Filter return to operator, land and capital profit from Tomato:

#### [1] 21 9

#### tomato\_profit

```
yldvar yield
                    rolac17
                                 rolac18
                                              rolac19
                                                          rolac20
                                                                       rolac21
3
      2.0
           2720
                 21679.3826
                              24399.3826
                                          27119.3826
                                                       29839.3826
                                                                   32559.3826
4
      1.9
           2584
                 20065.3826
                              22649.3826
                                          25233.3826
                                                       27817.3826
                                                                   30401.3826
5
      1.8
           2448
                 18451.3826
                              20899.3826
                                          23347.3826
                                                       25795.3826
                                                                   28243.3826
6
      1.7
           2312
                 16837.3826
                              19149.3826
                                          21461.3826
                                                       23773.3826
                                                                   26085.3826
7
      1.6
           2176
                 15223.3826
                              17399.3826
                                          19575.3826
                                                       21751.3826
                                                                   23927.3826
8
      1.5
           2040
                 13609.3826
                              15649.3826
                                          17689.3826
                                                       19729.3826
                                                                   21769.3826
9
      1.4
           1904
                 11995.3826
                              13899.3826
                                          15803.3826
                                                       17707.3826
                                                                   19611.3826
10
      1.3
           1768
                 10381.3826
                              12149.3826
                                          13917.3826
                                                       15685.3826
                                                                   17453.3826
11
      1.2
           1632
                  8767.3826
                              10399.3826
                                          12031.3826
                                                       13663.3826
                                                                   15295.3826
12
      1.1
           1496
                  7153.3826
                               8649.3826
                                          10145.3826
                                                       11641.3826
                                                                   13137.3826
      1.0
13
           1360
                  5539.3826
                               6899.3826
                                           8259.3826
                                                        9619.3826
                                                                   10979.3826
14
      0.9
           1224
                  3925.3826
                               5149.3826
                                           6373.3826
                                                        7597.3826
                                                                    8821.3826
15
      0.8
           1088
                  2311.3826
                               3399.3826
                                           4487.3826
                                                        5575.3826
                                                                     6663.3826
16
      0.7
            952
                   697.3826
                               1649.3826
                                           2601.3826
                                                        3553.3826
                                                                     4505.3826
17
      0.6
            816
                               -100.6174
                                            715.3826
                                                        1531.3826
                                                                     2347.3826
                  -916.6174
18
      0.5
            680
                 -2530.6174
                             -1850.6174
                                          -1170.6174
                                                        -490.6174
                                                                      189.3826
19
      0.4
            544
                 -4144.6174
                              -3600.6174
                                          -3056.6174
                                                       -2512.6174
                                                                   -1968.6174
20
      0.3
            408
                 -5758.6174
                              -5350.6174
                                          -4942.6174
                                                       -4534.6174
                                                                   -4126.6174
21
      0.2
            272
                 -7372.6174
                              -7100.6174
                                          -6828.6174
                                                       -6556.6174
                                                                   -6284.6174
22
      0.1
            136
                 -8986.6174
                              -8850.6174
                                          -8714.6174
                                                       -8578.6174
                                                                   -8442.6174
```

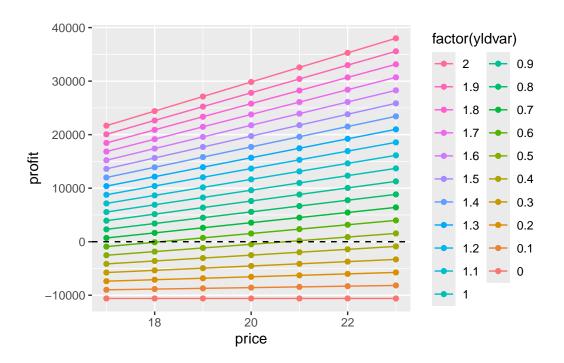
```
23
     0.0
             0 -10600.6174 -10600.6174 -10600.6174 -10600.6174 -10600.6174
      rolac22
                 rolac23
3
  35279.3826 37999.3826
  32985.3826 35569.3826
4
5 30691.3826 33139.3826
  28397.3826 30709.3826
7 26103.3826 28279.3826
  23809.3826 25849.3826
9 21515.3826 23419.3826
10 19221.3826 20989.3826
11 16927.3826 18559.3826
12 14633.3826 16129.3826
13 12339.3826 13699.3826
14 10045.3826 11269.3826
15
   7751.3826 8839.3826
16 5457.3826 6409.3826
17 3163.3826 3979.3826
18
    869.3826 1549.3826
19 -1424.6174 -880.6174
20 -3718.6174 -3310.6174
21 -6012.6174 -5740.6174
22 -8306.6174 -8170.6174
23 -10600.6174 -10600.6174
```

### Convert data to long format:

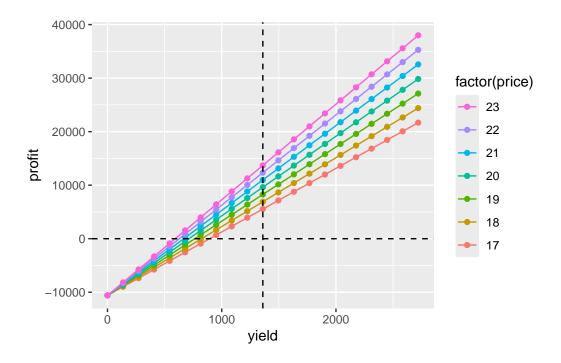
```
tomato_long$price <- as.numeric(gsub("rolac", "", tomato_long$price))
str(tomato_long)</pre>
```

```
'data.frame': 147 obs. of 4 variables:
$ yldvar: num 2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
$ yield : num 2720 2584 2448 2312 2176 ...
$ price : num 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 ...
$ profit: num 21679 20065 18451 16837 15223 ...
```

#### 4.1.1 Plot Tomato Profit



```
ggplot(data = tomato_long,
      mapping = aes(x = yield,
                     y = profit,
                     #fill = yield,
                     color = factor(price),
                     group = factor(price))) +
 geom_line() +
 geom_point() +
 geom_hline(yintercept = 0,
             linetype = "dashed",
             color = "black") +
 # Vertical dashed line is 100% yield
 geom_vline(xintercept = tomato_long$yield[11],
             linetype = "dashed",
             color = "black") +
guides(color = guide_legend(reverse = TRUE))
```



## 4.2 Strawberry

Filter return to operator, land and capital profit from strawberry

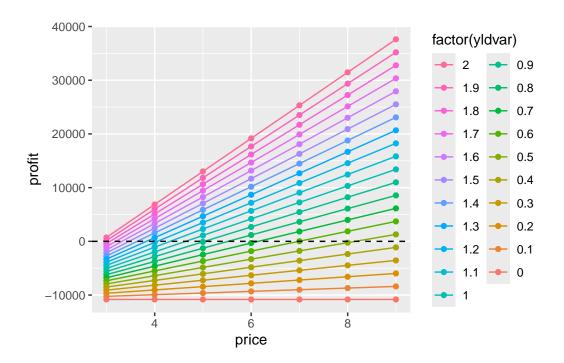
```
'data.frame': 21 obs. of 9 variables:
$ yldvar: num 2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
$ yield: num 6150 5843 5535 5228 4920 ...
$ rolac3: num 719 143 -435 -1010 -1588 ...
$ rolac4: num 6869 5986 5100 4218 3332 ...
$ rolac5: num 13019 11829 10635 9446 8252 ...
$ rolac6: num 19169 17672 16170 14674 13172 ...
$ rolac7: num 25319 23515 21705 19902 18092 ...
$ rolac8: num 31469 29358 27240 25130 23012 ...
$ rolac9: num 37619 35201 32775 30358 27932 ...
```

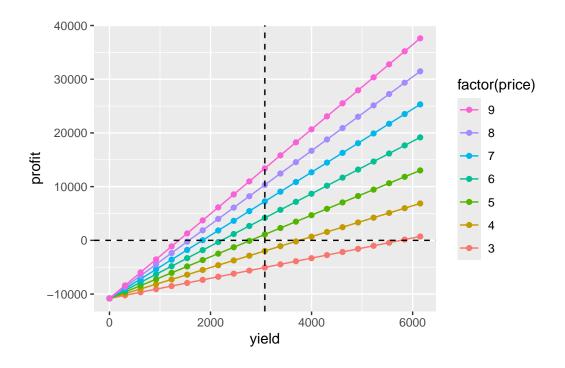
Convert data to long format:

```
# Assign column names for clarity
colnames(strawberry_profit) <- c("yldvar", "yield",</pre>
                  "rolac3", "rolac4", "rolac5",
                  "rolac6", "rolac7", "rolac8",
                  "rolac9")
# Reshape the data frame from wide to long format
stberry_long <- melt(strawberry_profit,</pre>
                id.vars = c("yldvar", "yield"),
                measure.vars = c("rolac3", "rolac4", "rolac5",
                                  "rolac6", "rolac7", "rolac8",
                                  "rolac9"),
                variable.name = "price",
                value.name = "profit")
# Convert the 'Price' column to numeric by extracting the number
stberry_long$price <- as.numeric(gsub("rolac", "", stberry_long$price))</pre>
str(stberry_long)
```

```
'data.frame': 147 obs. of 4 variables:
$ yldvar: num 2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
$ yield: num 6150 5843 5535 5228 4920 ...
$ price: num 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
$ profit: num 719 143 -435 -1010 -1588 ...
```

#### 4.2.1 Plot Strawberry Profit





## 4.3 Squash

# 5 Profit from agrivoltaics

Total profit from solar and crops for all combinations of AVs simulated.

#### 5.1 Profit from TAV

- Joint profit from tomato (tomato\_long) and solar energy production (solar\_profit) from 1 acre of land.
- The last variable (tav\_profit) is the final profit from tomato agrivoltaic system which is the result of our interest.

```
'data.frame':
           814968 obs. of 29 variables:
$ sprop
                : num 0000000000...
$ al_regs
                : chr "Black Belt" "Black Belt" "Black Belt" "...
                : chr "Fixed" "Fixed" "Fixed" ...
$ array
$ dc_kw
                : num 0000000000...
                : num 0000000000...
$ panels
$ energy
                : num 0000000000...
$ elcprc
                $ elcrev
                : num 0000000000...
$ height
                : num 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 4.6 ...
$ capex
                : num 1.59 1.59 1.59 1.59 1.59 ...
```

```
$ landlease
                 $ ttlcost
                 : num 0000000000...
                 : num 0000000000...
$ inscst
$ recredit
                 : num 0000000000...
                : num 0000000000...
$ reap
$ annlzcost
                : num 0000000000...
$ annoftotcost
                : num 0000000000...
                 : num 0000000000...
$ monthlycost
$ opex
                 : num 0000000000...
$ taxcr
                 : num 0000000000...
$ anncost
                 : num 0000000000...
$ eannprof
                 : num 0000000000...
$ eannprofworeap
                 : num 0000000000...
$ eannprofwoincentives: num  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ yldvar
                 : num 2 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1 ...
                 : num 2720 2584 2448 2312 2176 ...
$ yield
$ price
                 : num 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 ...
$ profit
                 : num 21679 20065 18451 16837 15223 ...
$ tav_profit
                 : num 21679 20065 18451 16837 15223 ...
rm(solar_expanded, tomato_expanded, tav_profit_values)
```

#### 5.1.1 Saving results locally

Using Dplyr:: 0.07 sec elapsed

```
write_xlsx(x = tav_profit %>%
             filter(sprop %in% c(0, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1),
                    vldvar == 1,
                    price == 20,
                    elcprc == 0.04)\%>\%
             dplyr::select(sprop, panels, height, array,
                           al_regs, yldvar, yield, price,
                           elcprc, tav_profit) %>%
             mutate(al_regs1 = case_when(
               al_regs == "Northern" ~ 1,
    al_regs == "Central" ~ 2,
    al_regs == "Black Belt" ~ 3,
    al_regs == "Southern" ~ 4,
   TRUE ~ NA_real_)),
           file = "Results/Profit TAV WriteUp R50.xlsx",
           as_table = TRUE)
```

#### 5.2 Profit from SBAV

- Joint profit from strawberry (stberry\_long) and solar energy production (solar\_profit) from 1 acre of land.
- The last variable (sbav\_profit) is the final profit from strawberry agrivoltaic system which is the result of our interest.

```
sbav_profit <- data.frame(lapply(sbav_profit, unlist))
rm(solar_expanded, stberry_expanded, sbav_profit_values)</pre>
```

## 5.3 Filtering Strawberry Results

```
al_regs yldvar price sprop sbav_profit
 height
         array elcprc
   8.2 Tracking
                0.04 Black Belt
                                 1
                                      3
                                         0.7
                                                3111.020
1
2
   8.2 Tracking 0.04
                    Central
                                      3 0.7
                                                2633.929
                                1 3 0.7 1666.234
   8.2 Tracking 0.04
                      Northern
   8.2 Tracking 0.04 Southern 1 3 0.7
                                               3405.579
```

### 5.3.1 Saving results locally

```
write_xlsx(x = sbav_profit %>%
             filter(sprop %in% c(0, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1),
                    yldvar == 1,
                    price == 6,
                    elcprc == 0.04)%>%
             dplyr::select(sprop, panels, height, array, al_regs,
                           #price, elcprc, yldvar, yield,
                           sbav_profit) %>%
             mutate(al_regs1 = case_when(
               al_regs == "Northern" ~ 1,
    al_regs == "Central" ~ 2,
    al_regs == "Black Belt" ~ 3,
   al_regs == "Southern" ~ 4,
    TRUE ~ NA_real_)),
          file = "Results/Profit SBAV WriteUp R50.xlsx",
           as_table = TRUE)
```

#### 5.4 Profit from SQAV

```
group_by(price) %>% # Control for unique prices
 mutate(
   sqavp_ge_sq = if_else(yldvar == 1 & sqav_profit >= profit, 1, 0)
 ) %>%
 ungroup()
# SQAV Profit Greater or Equal to Squash
sqavp_ge_squash = sqav_profit %>% filter(sqavp_ge_sq == 1)
write_feather(sqav_profit,
 sink = "Data/sqav_profit R50.feather",
 version = 2,
 chunk_size = 65536L,
 compression = c("default"),
 compression_level = NULL
write_xlsx(x = sqav_profit[sample(nrow(sqav_profit), 100),],
           file = "Results/SQAV Profit Sample R50.xlsx",
           as_table = TRUE)
write_xlsx(x = sqav_profit %>%
             filter(sprop %in% c(0, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1),
                    yldvar == 1,
                    price == 14,
                    elcprc == 0.04)%>%
             dplyr::select(sprop, panels, height, array,
                           al_regs, yldvar, yield, price,
                           elcprc, sqav_profit) %>%
             mutate(al_regs1 = case_when(
               al_regs == "Northern" ~ 1,
    al_regs == "Central" ~ 2,
   al_regs == "Black Belt" ~ 3,
   al_regs == "Southern" ~ 4,
   TRUE ~ NA_real_)),
          file = "Results/Profit SQAV WriteUp R50.xlsx",
           as_table = TRUE)
write_xlsx(
 x = sqavp_ge_squash %>%
   dplyr::filter(sqavp_ge_sq == 1) %>%
   dplyr::select(
```

```
sprop, panels, height, array, al_regs,
   yldvar, yield, price, elcprc, sqav_profit
) %>%
mutate(al_regs1 = case_when(
   al_regs == "Northern" ~ 1,
   al_regs == "Central" ~ 2,
   al_regs == "Black Belt" ~ 3,
   al_regs == "Southern" ~ 4,
   TRUE ~ NA_real_
   )),
file = "Results/Profit SQAV GE Squash R50.xlsx",
   as_table = TRUE
)
rm(solar_expanded, squash_expanded, squash_long, sqav_profit_values)
```