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Plants War Gold Amp;amp; Leaf Hack

The world's population is predicted to reach 9.7 billion in 2050, but with more mouths to feed and the threat of global warming, there are fears there may not be enough food to go round.. 'Crop leaves exposed to full sunlight absorb more light than they can use,' Professor Long said.. 'If they can't get rid of this extra energy, it will actually bleach the leaf'.. In an attempt to relieve the potential problem, scientists have hacked the photosynthesis process in which green plants use sunlight to convert carbon dioxide and water to glucose and oxygen.. 76 sharesThe team targeted a process that plants use to shield themselves from excessive solar energy.. By taking advantage of deficiencies in the process they have found a new way to make plants soak up the sun more quickly, which could lead to better crop yields.

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