



# Foreigners raise sheep using solar panels

Can a solar farm help a sheep farm?

Some Minnesota sheep farmers have found a way to help their bottom line by contracting with solar farms to have flocks tidy up under the panels by eating the undergrowth. In rural Chisago County, clippers buzz and wool falls like snow as a flock of about 100 sheep gets a haircut.

Could sheep graze with solar panels?

As such, having sheep graze alongside solar panels could be a bit of a growth sector--and not just for meat, as sheep also produce wool and milk. Schmit noted that, although the US doesn't currently consume much sheep's meat, the domestic market is growing. Raising the livestock in the US could also bolster local economies.

Should solar power companies lease land from farmers raising sheep?

When solar power companies are leasing land from farmers raising sheep, they can just rely on the animals to maintain the vegetation. There is no need to use emission-producing mowers or toxic herbicides. "No one loses in this arrangement," Charles Gould, author at Michigan State University Extension, wrote.

Can solar panels help Minnesota sheep farmers graze under solar panels?

Cannon Valley Graziers sheep graze under solar panels at a U.S. Solar installation in Stacy, Minn., on June 6. Some Minnesota sheep farmers have found a way to help their bottom line by contracting with solar farms to have flocks tidy up under the panels by eating the undergrowth.

Are solar panels good for sheep?

Sheep living in pasture with solar panels benefit from shade in hot weather and more nutritious grass- and they stop weeds from growing on the panels. Sheep living among rows of solar panels spend more time grazing, benefit from more nutritious food, rest more and appear to experience less heat stress, compared with nearby sheep in empty fields.

Are sheep better than goats on solar farms?

There are a few reasons sheep are the superior choice for grazing on solar farms. For one, they are shorter than cows and horses. They will also eat most kinds of forage, which helps keep plant growth at bay. Goats, on the other hand, will chew pretty much anything, which is a bit of a risk on solar farms.

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A beige and black mixture of breeds such as Dorper, Katahdin and St. Croix, the sheep graze on native grasses, filling their bellies and keeping the vegetation low so it doesn't ...



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Solar grazing can be great for people who run solar power operations and those who raise sheep: It cuts down on the cost of keeping plant growth under control for solar ...

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There will be an unlikely resident flocking to solar fields in northwestern Indiana: sheep. Landowners are collaborating with solar companies to get the most out of these solar projects through agrivoltaics -- the use of ...

Solar is helping the sheep industry make a comeback. For California farmer Mark Blakeman, sheep are a way of life. After a long day working with his sheep, he goes home to read sheep magazines, watch ...

Among other things, Emma studied via data loggers on their collars how the sheep use solar parks as foraging areas. She also looked at how the presence of solar panels affects forage quality in such a Mediterranean ...

Situating photovoltaic panels and food production together may ease land-use tensions between solar and agriculture, say some experts. When Jackie Augustine opens a chicken coop door ...



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