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Solar power station can raise sheep

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Overview

Can a Solar Farm Mow a flock of sheep?

A solar farm in Kosovo has brought in a new clean-energy machine to mow its grass: a flock of sheep. Tired of wasting their own energy to keep the site trimmed, workers at the Rogane solar farm near the small town of Kamenica in eastern Kosovo have got some woolly helpers.

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.

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.

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.

Can sheep be used in a solar park?

Although they have had to adapt their sheep system to fit into the solar park, it is an arrangement that works well, says Mrs Morgan, who explains that the sheep are used as “lawn mowers” to manage grass while producing lambs.

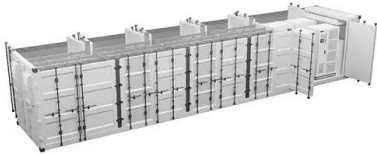
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Fenton Home Farm, near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

How many sheep graze under photovoltaic panels?

More than 100 sheep and a few goats graze twice a week in the fields where over 12,000 photovoltaic panels are installed. "The workers realised that mowing the fields was very hard, they asked me whether I could bring my sheep," said 72-year-old shepherd Rexhep Rrudhani as he ordered his sheepdogs to manoeuvre the flock grazing under the panels.

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