



# Raising sheep under solar panels





## Overview

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Solar shepherds, who manage sheep grazing under solar panels, are part of a growing movement that combines agriculture and renewable energy — and offers high incomes in the process. My recent study, conducted with Ivey Business School alum Adam Gasch and professional shepherd Rafael Lara from The. Western professor Joshua Pearce collaborated with professional shepherd Rafael Lara on a study that shows the profitability of “solar” sheep, raised specifically to trim grass and weeds under traditional solar panels or agrivoltaic arrays. Gray's sheep farming business has come a long way since she and her husband started it in 2021. This innovative approach, known as agrivoltaics, is revolutionizing how we think about land use while yielding. Discover how solar grazing with sheep supports renewable energy, improves soil health, and benefits farmers, as practiced by the American Grassfed Association producers.



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### Farmer makes surprising discovery after letting sheep graze under solar

While Gray farms sheep for their meat, she noted that raising sheep under solar panels has notable advantages for the animals' wool, a finding also reported by solar companies like ...

### ['Solar Shepherds' Earn Big by Grazing Sheep on Solar Farms](#)

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### Agrivoltaics: Making Marginal Land More Productive With Solar Panels

The bumpy ride to a new demonstration site at NC State University, where sheep grazed next to solar panels, showed the potential of marginal land such as this rugged terrain five miles from ...

### [Solar grazing: Sheep manage vegetation at solar ...](#)

Learn how solar grazing with sheep is revolutionizing vegetation management at solar farms while preserving agricultural land.



## Solar Grazing with Sheep -- A Win-Win for Renewable Energy and

Solar grazing is an innovative practice gaining momentum across the United States, where sheep graze beneath and around solar panels on solar farms. This dual-use approach not only supports clean ...



## Scientists let 1700 sheep roam through solar panels--what they

It's not every day you see thousands of sheep wandering between rows of gleaming solar panels, but that's exactly what happened at a sprawling site in New South Wales, Australia.



## 1,700 sheep installed between solar



## Grazing 'solar' sheep offer lucrative solution for farmers, Western

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## panels, a surprising change

In a groundbreaking study that combines renewable energy with traditional farming practices, researchers have observed remarkable changes in 1,700 sheep grazing amidst solar panels.



## [Solar, sheep provide valuable farm diversification](#)

Eric Steeves says raising sheep on forages grown under thousands of acres of solar panels provided economic stability and perhaps even saved his family's fifth generation southern ...

## Illinois farmers find that sheep and solar arrays go well together

It may seem an unlikely mission for clean-energy developers, but in many states, including Illinois, grazing sheep between rows of photovoltaic panels is considered the most efficient ...





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