

# Photovoltaic sand control and sheep farming under photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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Solar grazing is an innovative practice gaining momentum across the United States, where sheep graze beneath and around solar panels on solar farms. Rather than eliminating agriculture on these sites, solar grazing is preserving--even enhancing--agricultural productivity. In Washington state, for instance, several solar farms are. 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. Solar grazing, an agrivoltaic (APV) approach involving vegetation management with livestock, is a rapidly growing solution to fill this need.

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### Sheep grazing as sustainable vegetation management for solar ...

This study was conducted to collect baseline data on the impact of sheep grazing within commercial solar energy sites on soil health, forage nutritive quality, and pasture conditions in the ...

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### Greener sheep: Life cycle analysis of integrated sheep agrivoltaic ...

Encouraging sheep grazing on all appropriate conventional PV systems is a first step, but future work can investigate how to further optimize the agrivoltaic systems as a whole (Chamara & ...

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### Vegetation management utilizing sheep grazing within utility-scale

Integrating sheep grazing within solar arrays, commonly referred to as "solar grazing," offers an innovative solution with significant agro-ecological and economic potential.

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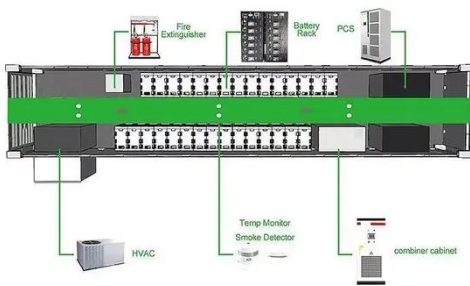


## Sheep Grazing Under Solar Panels:

## Dual Land Use

Sheep grazing under solar panels cuts costs, boosts soil health & supports farming. Discover how solar grazing blends energy with agriculture.

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## Agrivoltaic opportunities: Grazing livestock in solar energy systems

Livestock are a very effective vegetative management tool for community and utility solar energy systems. Cattle are grazed in some solar projects, but typically it is sheep that are used to ...

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## 'Solar Shepherds' Earn Big by Grazing Sheep on Solar Farms

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## Sheep and Solar Farms: Sustainable Land Use & Benefits of

Discover how integrating sheep with solar farms enhances land management and sustainability. Learn about the benefits of using sheep for vegetation

control, cost-effective ...

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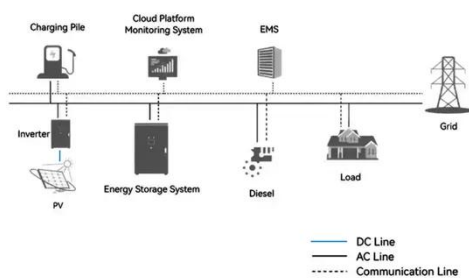
### Sheep grazing in solar farms; good for both

A key conclusion from the study is that agrivoltaics, in this case sheep grazing in commercial solar farms, provides mutual benefits for both sheep grazier and solar farm operator.

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### System Topology



### Solar grazing: Sheep manage vegetation at solar ...

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

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

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dual-use approach not only supports  
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