

Sheep shed solar panel support

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.

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. See also: Business Clinic: How would solar lease affect IHT reliefs? Fenton Home Farm, near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire

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.

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.

Why do ewes use solar panels?

The panels have the added benefit of providing shade from the hot sun and shelter for the young lambs when weather conditions are challenging. The solar land is mostly rested for three months from November. There is other land the flock can use, and some ewes are sent away to tack grazing for those months.

What changes were needed to the sheep industry?

Adjustments were needed to the sheep enterprise, with the most significant being a change of breed. The flock had been Welsh Mule ewes sired to a Texel, but the animals were too big to graze underneath the solar panels. Therefore, a smaller type of ewe was sought.

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