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# **Solar power generation base sheep weeding**



## Overview

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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. Lara, who studied animal science at Universidade de São Paulo, is exploring the synergy between solar and a growing sheep industry. As the world grapples with the twin challenges of increasing energy demand and food security, innovative solutions that bridge the gap between renewable energy and sustainable agriculture are gaining traction. Solar grazing is an innovative practice gaining momentum across the United States, where sheep graze beneath and around solar panels. A flock of sheep graze between solar panels at a solar photovoltaic power plant in Gonghe County, Hainan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Qinghai Province, Ap. (Xinhua/Zhang Long) For generations, the Talatan Gobi Desert in northwest China's Qinghai Province has been a challenge for solar grazing. Solar grazing, an agrivoltaic (APV) approach involving vegetation management with livestock, is a rapidly growing solution to fill this need. Despite approximately 7–11% of existing installed solar capacity utilizing solar grazing in 2024, solar grazing research is still limited. The purpose of this study is to explore the synergy between solar and a growing sheep industry. When solar power generation facilities are built on farmland, it is common to leave the grass as it is for environmental reasons, but if the weeds are not cut regularly, the solar panels will be shaded and power generation efficiency will decrease. However, if you try to remove the overgrown grass.

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### Co-location of sheep grazing and solar energy production yields

Our study highlights the potential for sheep grazing in solar facilities to simultaneously benefit sheep and solar energy production systems. Solar grazing can present a "win-win" scenario ...

### The Bright Future of Agrivoltaics: Harnessing Solar Power and Sheep

One of the most successful and scalable applications of agrivoltaics is solar grazing with sheep. Instead of relying exclusively on mechanical mowing, herbicides, or bare ground beneath ...



### Demand for sheep surges to 'weed' solar power plants

As construction of large-scale solar power generation facilities, including solar panels, progresses in recent years, one of the issues is how to deal with the weeds that grow around the

### Solar Grazing with Sheep -- A Win-

## Win for Renewable Energy and

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## Behind America's Largest Solar Grazing Agreement

Enel's award-winning solar grazing agreement puts 13,000+ sheep managing vegetation on solar farms, embracing agrivoltaics at industrial scale.

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

The expansion of solar photovoltaic production necessitates the need for vegetation management at solar sites. Solar grazing, an agrivoltaic (APV) approach involving vegetation ...



## Desert solar panels foster greening, animal husbandry efforts

"My flock has grown from 200 to over 300, and our sheep are healthy and strong. Life is much better." The model combining photovoltaic power



generation and animal husbandry, pioneered ...

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## Weeding using sheep at the Pacifico Energy Furukawa Mega Solar Power ...

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On Septem, sheep began weeding at the Pacifico Energy Furukawa Mega Solar Power Plant in Osaki City, Miyagi Prefecture. This time, with the cooperation of a company that fattens ...



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

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## Farmers See Huge Potential in Pairing Sheep With Solar Power

Solar grazing is based on a very simple principle: sheep are deployed to manage

vegetation under and around solar panels, replacing mechanical mowing and herbicides.



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