

Raising 10 000 pigs under photovoltaic panels



Overview

Solar farm developers in Wyoming are banking on a menagerie of barnyard animals to graze under hundreds of thousands of panels planned for construction from one end of the Cowboy State to the other. Sheep, cattle and Kunekune pigs top the list of possibilities for sharing vast solar. Agrivoltaics refer to growing crops, building pollinator habitats or raising livestock underneath solar panels. It allows for renewable energy systems and agriculture to occur on the same piece of land. What are the benefits?

Agrivoltaic systems can improve land use by allowing you to produce more. What do pigs and solar panels have in common?

Both are helping Nebraska farmer Jason Kvols cut costs and streamline his business. According to Farm Progress, Kvols first began raising pigs a decade ago to get free fertilizer. (University of. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection supported the creation of Pennsylvania's Solar Future Plan which has a goal of Pennsylvania producing 10% of its electricity through solar generation by 2030. "We're just scratching the surface on livestock and grazing solar. " At first glance, solar energy production and livestock grazing don't seem like they have much in common, but the two. Increasing community support for agrivoltaics, the practice of farming in and around solar projects, provides an opportunity for solar developers and the Michigan sheep industry to collaboratively meet the market demand for a steady supply of quality lamb.

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- ✓ LIQUID/AIR COOLING
- ✓ ON GRID/HYBRID
- ✓ PROTECTION IP54/IP55
- ✓ BATTERY /6000 CYCLES

[Raising livestock and crops under solar panels. UMN Extension](#)

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Aside from cattle and sheep, solar farm developers in Wyoming are exploring the possibility of introducing Kunekune pigs to the grazing mix. These friendly and docile pigs from New ...



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You might wonder: Do pig farmers actually manufacture solar panels? Well, not exactly--but they're increasingly becoming users and beneficiaries of photovoltaic systems.

[Grid Talk: Solar Power's Growing Ag Footprint](#)

There is a steep rise in the use of livestock to graze under and around solar panel deployments in rural America.

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Agrivoltaics

Most livestock producers would opt for grazing their livestock amongst the panels in a solar grazing operation, however, another opportunity for producers to work with solar operations is ...

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One Nebraska farmer is relying on solar-powered pig farming to keep his operation running efficiently -- and making a profit.



[Agrivoltaics Explained: Farming With Solar Panels \(And Sheep!\)](#)

Agrivoltaics combines farming and solar power production on the same plot of land. By growing crops or grazing animals underneath raised solar panels, farmers can maximize the ...



[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 ...

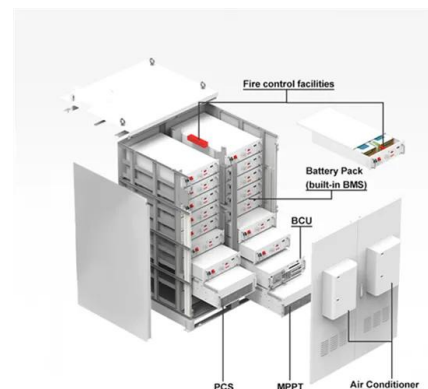


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[Raising livestock under photovoltaic panels](#)

For example, some counties, including Tongwei, have been growing crops and raising livestock under a small array of photovoltaic panels, which provide shade while also generating power.



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