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### [Solar Grazing: Striking a 'Baa'-lance Between Sheep and Solar](#)

Whilst the long-term effects are yet to be investigated, the ever-increasing global demand for clean energy means that solar grazing has emerged as a practical and eco-friendly solution that

### [Vermonters reimagine solar farms with sheep and pollinators](#)

On solar farms, the ground beneath the solar panels is often planted with turf grass and left alone. But some Vermonters are experimenting with productive ways to use that land: grazing



### [Watch "Pastures and Panels," the New American Story of Solar](#)

Solar grazing is the practice of raising livestock on land that is also generating solar energy. It turns solar projects into productive ranches that maintain vegetation naturally while helping

### [Three ways farmers are embracing solar power](#)

Some forward-thinking farmers are installing solar panels on pastures, allowing sheep to graze under solar panel installations. This both prevents plant overgrowth, cutting down on mowing





## Short film 'Pastures and Panels' spotlights solar grazing movement in US

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### [Are Solar Farms Really Displacing Agricultural Land?](#)

In debates about renewable energy, it is often claimed that installing solar panels on farmland renders it unusable for agriculture - taking away precious space needed for food production.



## Rural Solar Champions >> Solar Pastures

Several cooperatives have combined solar power with livestock grazing to employ "solar pastures," which use the land under and around the solar panels for livestock grazing. The livestock cut mowing

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Solar Panel Plague or Progress? Controversy Explodes as Farmland Disappears "This is one of the saddest things I've seen in American agriculture in my lifetime," says Bill Peter.



### [Solar Grazing: How "Agrivoltaics" Is Creating a Win-Win for Farmers](#)



By installing solar panels in a manner that still permits grazing, you can generate renewable energy and maintain productive pastures at the same time. This method is designed to

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

Researchers at the West Central Research and Outreach Center installed solar panels in dairy cow pastures. They studied how shade from the panels affected the productivity, health and



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