



Mowing the grass under photovoltaic panels

How do you keep grass under solar panels from growing too high?

Solar power plants provide many benefits but at least one perpetual challenge: How do you keep grass under the panels from growing too high? Mowers with traditional blades can damage equipment. Hand-held weed-whackers are a labor-intensive solution. Even the sheep tried at one small site behaved unreliably.

Why is grass cutting important for solar panels?

Regular grass cutting is an essential part of operations and maintenance on solar parks to prevent shading along the bottom edges of solar panels which results in a drop in output. Note how high this grass has grown between the last autumn cut and the first spring cut.

Can a Solar Farm Mow a flock of sheep?

A solar farm in Kosovo has brought in a new clean-energy machine to mow its grass: a flock of sheep. Tired of wasting their own energy to keep the site trimmed, workers at the Rogane solar farm near the small town of Kamenica in eastern Kosovo have got some woolly helpers.

Can a robotic mower slip under solar panels?

That was the idea behind the friendly spring competition sponsored by Duke Energy and the Orlando Utilities Commission. They challenged students from the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida to come up with a safe robotic mower that could slip underneath solar panels that sometimes stand as low as 2 feet off the ground.

How many sheep graze under photovoltaic panels?

More than 100 sheep and a few goats graze twice a week in the fields where over 12,000 photovoltaic panels are installed. "The workers realised that mowing the fields was very hard, they asked me whether I could bring my sheep," said 72-year-old shepherd Rexhep Rrudhani as he ordered his sheepdogs to manoeuvre the flock grazing under the panels.

Do Sheep graze at Rogane solar farm?

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Solar panels often known as arrays, are usually mounted 1.5- 2.5 metres above the ground, so the question is what best to grow beneath them. We have learned that contractors require a grass sward to be low in height and slow growing to ...

Cleaning under solar panels involves removing any debris like leaves or branches that may have collected



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there. You can use a long-handled broom or air blower to gently remove the debris without damaging the panels. ...

If not, there are a few other options for putting that ground under your solar panels to use. Just because there are solar panels on part of your farm doesn't mean that land can't still grow ...

During the summer of 2018, a 30-kilowatt ground-mounted solar system was installed in a pasture at the WCROC. The panels were mounted at 35° south and 2.4 to 3 meters from the ground so that cows could not reach ...

Proper management through mowing and grazing will generally minimize the encroachment of weeds. Mowing is a tool for controlling weeds as well as preventing these weeds from producing more seed. When pollinator or ...

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