

# Photovoltaic panels and cattle sheds

Can photovoltaic panels protect livestock?

Photovoltaic panels can provide artificial shades to protect livestock against intense solar radiation while serving as a clean energy source, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emission, and providing an additional source of income to farmers. These benefits foster sustainable livestock farming practices.

Can photovoltaic panels be used as shade resources for livestock?

Sheep unconditionally preferred shade from solar panels over 80%-blockage cloth. Photovoltaic panels are a novel alternative to shade animals. Based on our search, we believe that this is the first paper to evaluate the use of photovoltaic panels as shade resources for livestock.

Can photovoltaic panels provide shade for sheep managed in Paddock?

The objective of this study is to investigate the potential of co-generation systems using photovoltaic panels to generate electrical energy and to provide shade for sheep managed in paddock. This is the first study to present scientific data on photovoltaic panels as shading resources for livestock.

Do cows regrowth based on the Solar System?

The solar system was permanent in the pasture; therefore, cows were on the study pasture based on grass growth and rotation of pastures within the dairy herd. The study allowed approximately 30 days of regrowth to occur on pasture before cows returned to the grazing pasture with the solar system.

Do photovoltaic panels block solar radiation?

Shade under photovoltaic panels was compared to shade under cloth that has 80% blockage of solar radiation based on time spent under the shade by sheep and ewes. The animals spent more than 70% of their time under the shade from photovoltaic panels when solar radiation was equal or greater than 800 W m<sup>-2</sup>.

Do photovoltaic panels provide thermal comfort?

The thermal comfort was assessed using the radiant heat load (RHL), which was ~40 W m<sup>-2</sup> lower in the shade underneath the photovoltaic panels than in the shade underneath the cloth. Previous studies reported a similar conclusion on shade-preference of dairy cows (Schmidt et al., 2009, Tucker et al., 2008). Fig. 9.

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