

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

Solar panels for beekeeping



Overview

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Thanks to the education and outreach work of groups around the world—including the Center for Pollinators in Energy at Fresh Energy—global energy companies are actively moving forward with plans to combine solar farms with additional land uses to deliver ecological and community benefits.

How does beekeeping work with solar panels?

On many of these incredible farms, the bee hives and solar arrays are set up in a way that benefits both of them. The solar arrays are ground mounted with the beehives placed in the area around them or beneath them. This reduces space on the farm by combining the two in the same space.

Project developers benefit from the solar energy produced by the photovoltaic panels, beekeepers gain resiliency from a diverse source of pollen for honey production, nearby farmers profit from pollination services, and the landowner sees a positive impact from improved soil health. What are the benefits of beekeeping on solar panels?

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What is solar beekeeping?

aims while producing affordable renewable energy. Solar beekeeping is the practice of placing beehives on or near solar fields. While photovoltaic panels are generating energy from the sun, bees are busy making honey and pollinating the native.

Can solar panels fit small plants and bees?

Even ground-based panels with little room under them can fit small plants and bees. But does this work out well, for solar panels, bees, and a crop to all share a space?

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Should bees be able to eat under solar panels?

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Can solar bees be used for agriculture?

ize usage of land allocated for solar projects. The co-location of solar and agriculture offers opportunities for conservation, food production, increasing pollinator habitat, and adding additional farm revenue streams while producing affordable renewable energy. Solar beekeeping is the practice.

Can solar panels save bees from extinction?

If we instead grow plants of some kind under the panels (even if the main goal is just to cool them off), the availability of food can actually increase in the solar farm's area and help save wild bee populations from extinction.

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