

Solar sheep come to Antioch Farm

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Last weekend eight “self-fertilizing lawnmowers,” also known as sheep, arrived at the Antioch College Farm. The sheep, part of the college’s commitment to sustainability, are a pilot project to study how they behave around the solar array, how many are needed to manage the vegetative growth around the five-acre array, and their grazing patterns. The sheep are fed organic grain and fresh water each morning by students who work on the farm.

This is the third year that the college has had sheep on the farm, according to College Communications Director Matt Desjardins, and the length of the pilot project is not yet known, as it will be determined by how the sheep behave beneath the solar arrays. The sheep’s breed is Dorper-Katadin.