Solar Heating & Cooling - Case Study (SF



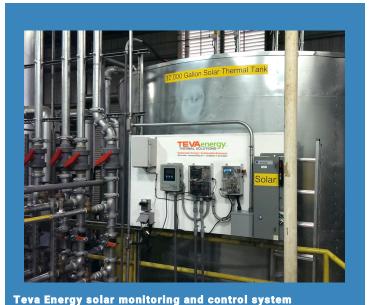
Cargill Meat Processing | Fresno, CA

Introduction

Working towards the goal of fully sustainable production, Cargill worked to have one of California's largest solar water heating arrays installed on its flagship beef production facility in the state. Nextility's contracting partner Teva Energy installed a total of 317 SunStar solar collectors that pre-heat the water for the plant's food safety and sanitation processes.

Zero Upfront Cost; Continual Savings

Nextility was able to offer this system for zero upfront cost by making use of the financial incentives available to solar-thermal systems, and by charging Cargill for the energy produced, at a lower rate than Cargill would be paying the utility company. Cargill now pays Nextility for the energy provided, at a rate 40% below what they were previously paying. Cargill immediately cut both its operating costs and carbon footprint through this partnership with Nextility.



Array of SunStar STR-30 and STR-40 solar collectors

System Information

Location: Fresno, CA, USA

Application: Domestic Hot Water

Rated Power Output: 793 kW

Yearly Energy Output: >705,676 kWh_{th} (measured)

Yearly CO2 Reduction: 146,388 kg / 322,731 lbs

Solar Collectors: SunStar:250xSTR40, 67xSTR30

System Format: Drainback closed loop

Storage Capacity: 10,000 gal atmospheric tank

Backup Heating: Gas boiler





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