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I was pondering the Green Environment and how to support it to promote the health of our environment.

I read an article about raising corn and soybeans and their support of the green environment. I understand that 1 acre of corn utilizes 11 tons of carbon dioxide to produce oxygen. Within the US, some 95 million acres of agricultural land produce more oxygen than is produced in the Amazon jungle. Corn and soybeans reduce our carbon footprint and give us a supply of life supporting oxygen. If solar panels were to replace these acres, I wonder the extent to which it would increase our carbon footprint and how much oxygen we would lose?

The world is agonizing over the possible loss or decrease in the honey bee population. In Amsterdam, a project ongoing since 2010, has been to increase the honey bee population. City parks are planting more flowers. The countryside is growing more flowers in unused areas to aid the honey bee. Highway medians are seeded with many flowers. Pesticides are being used less and less. Honey bee homes are being built in both urban and rural areas to support honey bees. Honey bees are an absolute necessity to pollinate our crops. Amsterdam has increased the bee population by around 40%. Amsterdam does use solar panels, but cities utilize as many rooftops as possible to maintain land for agricultural use. Will America preserve its agricultural land to promote crops and bees?

I think corn, soybeans and honeybees have a greater positive impact on our environment than toxic, water polluting, and climate changing solar panels.

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