



Good Field Solar Power Generation





Overview

The Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) is researching the opportunities and trade-offs of agrivoltaics. This guide helps answer some questions that farmers may have about going solar and agrivoltaics. What are the benefits of co-locating solar and crop production?

. Two “agri-dreamers” believe agrivoltaics promise a highly profitable harvest for many North American farmers and ranchers. Joshua Pearce and Ethan Winter lead efforts to understand the impact and encourage large-scale solar power generation on farmland. Agrivoltaics, a relatively new term, unites. NREL researcher Jordan Macknick works with teams from University of Massachusetts (UMass) Clean Energy Extension and Hyperion on a photovoltaic dual-use research project at the UMass Crop Animal Research and Education Center in South Deerfield, MA. Photo by Dennis Schroeder / NREL. AgriSolar. Just south of Longmont, Colorado, in the sun-drenched foothills of the Front Range, is a small but bustling family-owned farm., the Department of Energy predicts that. Using solar energy can have a positive, indirect effect on the environment when solar energy replaces or reduces the use of other energy sources that have larger effects on the environment. (Purdue Agricultural Communications/Joshua Clark) WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.



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Two agrivoltaic test farms in Colorado are showing how solar farming and food production can coexist.



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Agrovoltatics--the practice of combining agriculture with solar power generation on the same land--is another promising innovation for modern farming. By installing solar panels above ...



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The range of technologies includes remote sensing of field conditions with drones, in-ground sensors, automated weeders and more. The big question is which precision agriculture ...



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Solar power generation is optimized by various factors, including 1. location suitability, 2. technology selection, 3. maintenance frequency, 4. environmental conditions. A detailed examination ...



[Farmer's Guide to Going Solar , Department of Energy](#)

If you are an agricultural land owner and are considering your options to go solar, here are some resources to help you decide what's best for you.

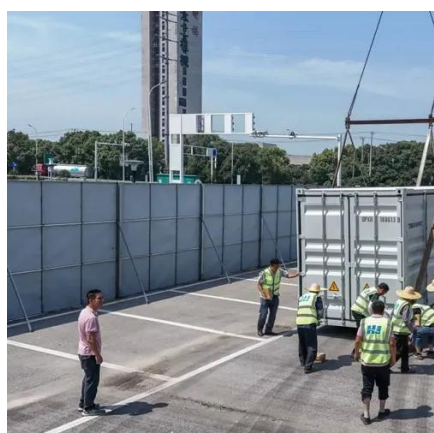
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