

# Building solar power plants on cultivated land



## Overview

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Farmland is attractive for utility-scale solar because of the large land parcels needed. This study reviewed how zoning has been used to approve or deny solar projects on farmland. Agrivoltaics is defined as agriculture, such as crop production, livestock grazing, and pollinator habitat, located underneath. While the federal government is involved in the siting of natural gas, hydroelectric plants, and certain transmission infrastructure, it has no authority whatsoever over the siting of solar arrays on private land. Rather, local cities and towns usually exercise their fundamental police powers over. According to a recent U. Department of Energy report, Solar Futures Study, “it is now possible to envision—and chart a path toward—a future where solar provides 40% of the nation's electricity by 2035. ” In that future, farmers and farmland will play a key role. Operating solar facilities do not produce pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, odors, smoke clouds, or vapo that lead to poor air quality.

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### Solar Power Installation on Agricultural Land , Live to Plant

This article explores the concept, benefits, challenges, and future prospects of integrating solar power systems within agricultural landscapes. Agricultural land has traditionally been reserved ...

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### Solar Energy & Farmland - F

The co-location of solar PV and agriculture can provide agricultural enterprises with diversified revenue sources and ecological benefits, while reducing land use competition and siting restrictions.

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### Fact sheet: Making the Case for Crops + Solar

reater heights to accommodate farm equipment. Given the amount of agricultural land dedicated to traditional row crops, finding ways to combine them with solar production will go a long way

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## 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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## Solar Farm Land Requirements (2023)

As solar farm development continues to boom, many regulations exist to ensure the consideration of the safety of the project, environment, and local community. These requirements exist for land use, ...

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## Land Use & Energy Permitting Processes for Solar Development

Discusses the land use and energy permitting processes for permission to build a solar array and provides examples of why permitting processes can affect farmland solar development.

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## Regulating Utility-Scale Solar Projects on Agricultural Land



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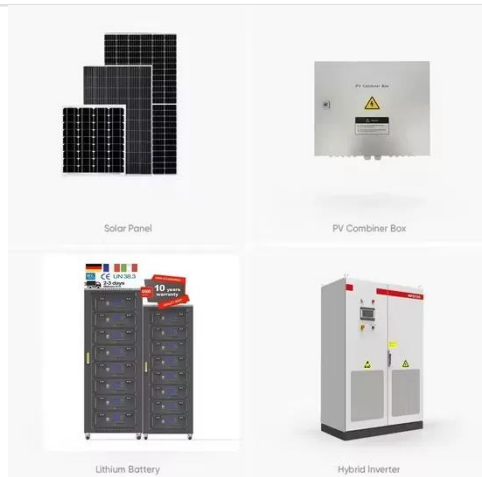
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## Harvesting the Sun-Twice: Agrivoltaics and Rural Land-Use

As efforts to conserve farmland intersects with the growth in renewable energy, agrivoltaics emerges as a solution to integrate agriculture and solar photovoltaic (PV) infrastructure.



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## Land Use & Solar Development - SEIA

Like fossil fuel power plants, solar plant development requires some grading of land and clearing of vegetation. However, as utility-scale photovoltaics (PV) technology has improved over the last ...

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## Agrivoltaics: Coming Soon to a Farm Near You?

Agrivoltaics is the use of land for both agriculture and solar photovoltaic energy generation. It's also sometimes referred to as agrisolar, dual use solar, low impact solar.

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