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Overview

Solar and wind farms are proliferating and increasingly taking up land worldwide, prompting criticism from rural communities and environmentalists. Solutions range from growing crops or grazing livestock under PV panels to putting floating solar farms on lakes and. This Market Intel will dive deeper into solar energy's expansion and economic impacts, particularly in rural America, where there is great tension between private property rights and concerns over the loss of productive farmland. Solar's Growth Over the last decade, solar energy production has. Across the country, solar farms have experienced rapid growth, supported by advancements in technology, cost reductions, and policy initiatives such as state-level renewable portfolio standards and tax credits. As shown in Map 1, roughly 18% of ground-mounted PV facilities in the U. were. (Lebanon, TN, August 19, 2025) – Yesterday, U. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins alongside Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Bill Hagerty, Representative John Rose, and U. While land leases generally offer protection for landowners so that farms can be reclaimed from the solar. To make agrivoltaics a widely available option for developers in the U.



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Solar energy implementation in rural communities and its contributions

In rural regions, where traditional grid extensions are often financially and logistically unfeasible, solar energy systems offer a decentralized alternative that can meet essential needs, ...

Solar Power Depletes Farmlands of Rich Soil

Driven by subsidies, mandates and federal and state policies compelling the use of more renewable energy, solar energy facilities are now displacing farmland at an increasing rate.



'Green Grab': Solar and Wind Boom Sparks Conflicts on Land Use

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Solar Energy Initiatives in Rural Communities

Controversies surrounding the use of solar energy in rural communities include concerns about the initial cost of installation, intermittency of supply, and potential land-use conflicts.



[Harvesting the Sun-Twice: Agrivoltaics and Rural Land-Use](#)

Currently, there are several ways solar panels can be installed to complement agricultural activities. Fixed vertical or tilted panels provide partial shading for crops and vegetables, protecting ...



The Potential of Agrivoltaics for the U.S. Solar

Agrivoltaics - the co-location of solar energy installations and agriculture beneath or between rows of photovoltaic panels - has the potential to help ease this land-use conflict.



[Secretary Rollins Blocks Taxpayer Dollars for Solar Panels on Prime](#)

Within the last 30 years, Tennessee alone has lost over 1.2 million acres of farmland and is expected to lose 2 million acres by 2027. This problem is not just in Tennessee, since 2012, solar ...



[Solar Energy Expansion and its Impacts](#)



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Sifting through Solar: Land-Use Concerns on Prime Farmland

With the growing development of renewables in rural areas, concerns over the protection of agricultural lands have targeted utility-scale solar energy systems.

Agricultural Land Near Solar and Wind Projects Usually Remained in

From 2012 to 2020, more than 90 percent of large-scale, commercial wind turbines and 70 percent of solar farms in rural areas were installed on agricultural land (either cropland or pasture-rangeland).



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