



# Solar power generation is installed in the fields





## Overview

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One approach to decarbonising agriculture involves integrating solar panels – or photovoltaics (PVs) – into fields of crops, greenhouses and livestock areas. Often known as agrivoltaics, this can help farmers reduce their carbon footprint while continuing to produce food. 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.

Agrivoltaics can also. Joshua Pearce and Ethan Winter lead efforts to understand the impact and encourage large-scale solar power generation on farmland. Installed solar panels can provide a perennial electrical energy. While land leases generally offer protection for landowners so that farms can be reclaimed from the solar installations, in practice damage is already being done with remediation as long as 50 years in the future. To date, the number of agrivoltaics projects has been modest, about 600 nationwide. Sheep grazing is the most popular livestock type. As shown in Map 1, roughly 18% of ground-mounted PV facilities in the U.



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### [Agrivoltaics: Pairing Solar Power and Agriculture in the](#)

Agrivoltaics (also known as dual-use solar and agrisolar) pairs solar power generation with agriculture, generating energy and providing space for crops, grazing, and pollinator and native habitats beneath ...

### [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 ...



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Agrivoltaics, a relatively new term, unites cropping practices and solar panels on the same fields. Installed solar panels can provide a perennial electrical energy harvest, feeding directly ...

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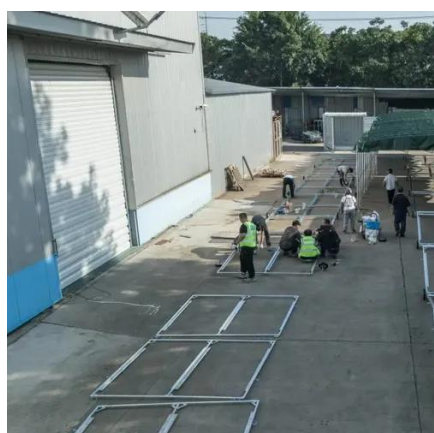


## Agrivoltaics: Farming And Solar Energy Integration

Agrivoltaics refers to the simultaneous use of land for both solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation and agriculture. By elevating solar panels above crops or integrating them into fields with ...

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## Solar Power Depletes Farmlands of Rich Soil

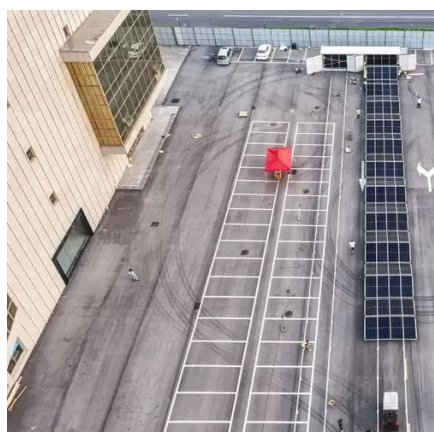
Farmland preservation groups believe 83 percent of new solar installations will come from farm and ranch lands with half of these installations on the richest land for food and crops. Solar ...

### [The Use and Potential of Agrivoltaics in](#)



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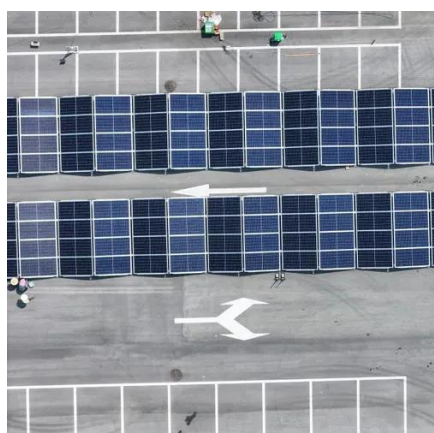


## [Why Farmers Are Shielding Their Crops With Solar Panels](#)

Agrivoltaics is the combination of agricultural production (which converts sunlight to food) with solar photovoltaic technology (which converts sunlight directly into electricity). The practice

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## [Lighting the Way for Agrivoltaics: How NREL Empowers Communities ...](#)

With their reflective, smooth glass sheen, stiff metal posts, and electric wiring, you might be surprised to learn that solar fields can be sites of thriving biodiversity, regenerative agriculture, ...

## [Farmer's Guide to Going Solar .](#)



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Farmers can benefit from solar energy in several ways--by leasing farmland for solar; installing a solar system on a house, barn, or other building; or through agrivoltaics.





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