

# Agricultural land occupied by solar power generation



## Overview

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Agrivoltaics are the co-location of ground-mounted rows of solar photovoltaic panels to produce electricity together with raising certain types of crops or livestock or providing pollinator habitat. By addressing these critical factors, it serves as a comprehensive guide to improving efficiency and ensuring transparent, replicable outcomes . Agrivoltaics combine the production of crops or livestock with the generation of electricity from solar panels. To date, the number of agrivoltaics projects has been modest, about 600 nationwide. Sheep grazing is the most popular livestock type. Vegetables and berries are the leading crops. As shown in Map 1, roughly 18% of ground-mounted PV facilities in the U. However, with technological advancements and growing environmental concerns, many farmers and landowners are exploring alternative uses of their land. In the Midwest, 70 percent of solar farms and 94 percent of wind turbines .

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### **Agrivoltaics , Solar Market Research & Analysis , NLR**

To meet renewable energy goals by installing large-scale solar operations, agricultural land may be taken out of food production, but agrivoltaics offers the potential to balance food

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

This dual land-use approach allows solar energy production to coexist with farming activities, from crop cultivation to livestock grazing and supporting pollinator habitats.



### [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).

### **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





## [The Impact of Solar and Wind Projects on Agricultural Land: Key](#)

According to the study, 85 percent of agricultural land surrounding solar farms stayed in use for farming. The regional distribution of solar and wind projects varies considerably, largely

## [Dual Land Use for Agriculture and Solar Power Production: Overview](#)

As the energy transition accelerates and climate challenges intensify, agrivoltaics offers a promising solution for optimising land use by combining agriculture with solar power generation.



## **Agrivoltaics: Solar and Agriculture Co-Location**

Agrivoltaics, or the practice of solar agriculture co-location, is defined as agricultural production underneath or adjacent to solar panels, such as crops, livestock, and pollinators.

## **The Use and Potential of Agrivoltaics in the United States**

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## [Solar Power Installation on Agricultural Land , Live to Plant](#)

Solar power installation on agricultural land involves setting up photovoltaic (PV) panels or

solar infrastructure either alongside crop production or on underutilized sections of farmland to

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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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