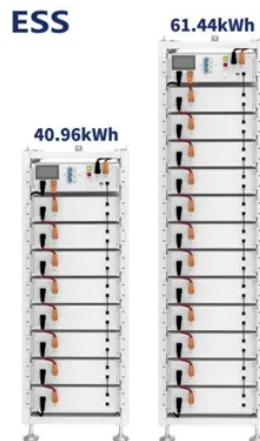




How farmers use solar energy to generate electricity



Overview

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. Agrivoltaics is defined as agriculture, such as crop production, livestock grazing, and pollinator habitat, located underneath. Here's how two Illinois farmers have used solar energy to offset their own energy costs, plus five steps to take if you're considering a move to solar power. POWERED UP: Steve Nightingale added solar panels to his farm near Orion, Ill. Photos by Jennie Abbott by Jennie Abbott When Orion. Discover three ways farmers are using solar power in their operations Sheep from Owen's Farm graze under Susquehanna University's solar array This National Farmers Day, we celebrate the people who not only feed the nation but are also powering a cleaner future. Not only does renewable energy help the farmer save money but also combats the effects of global warming. But some of that opportunity is now at risk as the Trump administration cuts federal support for renewable energy.



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The sun's energy can be used for passive heating such as greenhouses, as solar thermal heating for hot water systems, or with photovoltaics (PV) it can be used to convert produce electricity.

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age the adoption of both solar and agrisolar. For example, the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target program allows producers who introduce solar and maintain their agriculture production

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It is also possible to use photovoltaic cells that capture certain wavelengths of solar radiation to generate electricity. All these methods are based on the fact that plants use only part of ...

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