



30 Years of Rural Solar Photovoltaic Panels



Overview

A new study shows that solar panels installed in the 1980s and early 1990s are still producing electricity today — more than 30 years later. 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. This trend has raised skepticism in rural communities, prompting questions about land value. A farmer harvests crops at Jack's Solar Garden, a 1.2 megawatt community solar garden and agrivoltaics research site in Colorado. Researchers from Marion Mitchell's family has farmed or leased the land she lives on in Pendleton, NC, for generations. Her grandfather gave the farm to her father, and the 100-year-old white farmhouse where her parents lived still stands on the corner of the property in front of the house she lives in now.



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