

**PIENAAR ENERGY (PTY) LTD**

# **Can rural photovoltaic panels be sold now**



## Overview

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The new rules eliminate USDA support for large solar farms on prime farmland and ban foreign-manufactured panels in all funded projects. As shown in Map 1, roughly 18% of ground-mounted PV facilities in the U. were installed between 2021 and 2023, with a notable portion of these projects built on former cropland or pasture in rural areas. This trend has raised skepticism in rural communities, prompting questions about land value. The U. Department of Agriculture announced sweeping changes to renewable energy funding this week, fundamentally reshaping access to federal solar incentives for rural America. But the decision isn't just about taking the first offer—it comes down to choosing between two very different paths: leasing or selling. While land leases generally offer protection for landowners so that farms can be reclaimed from the solar. Over the last decade, solar energy production has grown 25% on average per year and installation costs have dropped more than 40%, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), which tracks trends and trajectories in the solar industry. Figure 1 shows the dramatic increase in annual. Leer en español: Agrovoltaica: ¿Próximamente en un campo cerca de usted?

In 2020, U. renewable energy production (and consumption) hit a record high. The increase was mainly driven by more solar and wind.

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### 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.

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#### APPLICATION SCENARIOS

### Agrivoltaics: Coming Soon to a Farm Near You?

According to a recent U.S. Department of Energy report, Solar Futures Study, "it is now possible to envision--and chart a path toward--a future where solar provides 40% of the nation's electricity by ...



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### Agrivoltaics: An economic option for farmers and rural development

Across the United States, the race to secure affordable, reliable energy is transforming the rural landscape. Fueled by data centers, artificial intelligence, electrification, and industrial ...

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## USDA ends programs for solar, wind projects on farms , Reuters

The USDA has provided over \$2 billion for renewable energy projects, like solar and wind, through its Rural Energy for America Program, according to the agency website.

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## Solar Energy Expansion and its Impacts on Rural Communities

Solar energy is leading the way, with much of the new development occurring on farmland and in rural communities. It has the potential to be a financial opportunity for landowners, yet it can ...

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## Agrisolar Ownership: A Guide for Farmers, Ranchers, Communities, ...

About 80% of a solar panel is comprised of commonly recycled materials. However, due to the 25+ year lifespan of solar panels and the recent boom in solar installation, most of the solar panels in the U.S. ...

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## USDA REAP Solar Grant Changes 2025: Who Still ...

USDA has changed REAP solar grant rules for 2025. Learn which farm & rural business projects still qualify for 50% grants + 30% tax credit.



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## Farm Solar Panel & Energy Grants: A Guide to Agrivoltaic Agriculture

Now that you know how solar might have a positive impact on your farm finances, you can start considering how you go about your clean energy journey. Here's something to consider, ...

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## 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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## Solar Boom 2025 Should Landowners Lease or Sell for a Solar Farm

For landowners, especially those in rural or agricultural areas, the demand for large tracts of land from solar developers presents a major financial opportunity. But the decision isn't just about ...

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