

**PIENAAR ENERGY (PTY) LTD**

# **Building solar power stations on farmland**



## Overview

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Many agricultural buildings have large, unobstructed roof areas ideal for solar installations. Ground-mount options can utilize fallow land or integrate with grazing areas. energy sources (Lazard 2023). Operating solar facilities do not produce pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, odors, smoke clouds, or vapo that lead to poor air quality. Building a solar farm is a multi-step process that requires precision, planning, and in-depth technical expertise. From land evaluation to solar power system design and performance modeling, each stage presents its own risks, and many solar power plant projects fail before reaching the construction. 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. 50 per watt and reducing farm electricity expenses by 50-75%. A typical 100kW agricultural solar system costs \$250,000-\$350,000 before incentives, with farms achieving 6-10 year payback periods through. With solar power for agriculture, you can. By swapping utility-generated electricity for renewable energy generated by your solar system, you can virtually eliminate your monthly electricity bill.

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### Is Solar Power Right for Your Farm? Pros and Cons of Going Solar

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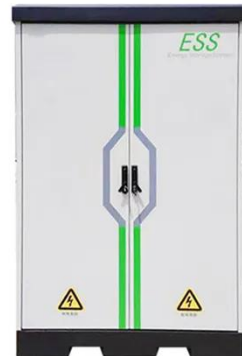
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