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Will subsidized solar farms protect farmland?

Secretary Brooke Rollins announced that the USDA will no longer support large-scale renewable energy projects on productive farmland. Rollins said subsidized solar farms drive up land costs and threaten agricultural heritage; supporters praised the decision as safeguarding farmland for future generations.

Will USDA put taxpayer dollars toward solar panels on productive farmland?

So it will come as welcome news to many in agriculture that USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins said this week that her agency will no longer put taxpayer dollars toward solar panels on productive farmland or allow solar panels manufactured by foreign adversaries to be used in USDA projects.

What are the new federal solar incentives for rural America?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced sweeping changes to renewable energy funding this week, fundamentally reshaping access to federal solar incentives for rural America. The new rules eliminate USDA support for large solar farms on prime farmland and ban foreign-manufactured panels in all funded projects.

Are solar panels a good investment for your farm?

Did you know that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers financial assistance to fund photovoltaic energy projects on your farm or ranch? Solar panels can increase your operation's profitability. One government grant program for solar panels on farms is called the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

U.S. Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins has announced USDA will no longer subsidize wind and solar energy on productive farmland.

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

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are working together to support farmers and rural communities make informed decisions about ...



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Many farmers are already contributing to domestic energy generation in the form of ethanol fuel for vehicles with approximately 40 million acres of corn grown (~4.5 % of farmland) per year ...

Solar panels on your farm can lower operational costs. Learn how to secure federal funding for solar energy on your farm or ranch.

In July 2025, the US Department of the Interior announced the end of what it described as "preferential treatment" of subsidy-dependent wind and solar energy projects.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said Monday that the department would be cutting off subsidies for solar power projects on U.S. farmland, asserting that they are making it harder for ...

Most recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said it would no longer support solar projects that take away viable farmland. That will make it harder for rural businesses and ...

Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins announced that the USDA will no longer use taxpayer dollars to fund solar panel projects on productive farmland.

Subsidized solar farms have made it more difficult for farmers to access farmland by making it more expensive and less available," said Secretary Brooke Rollins.

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