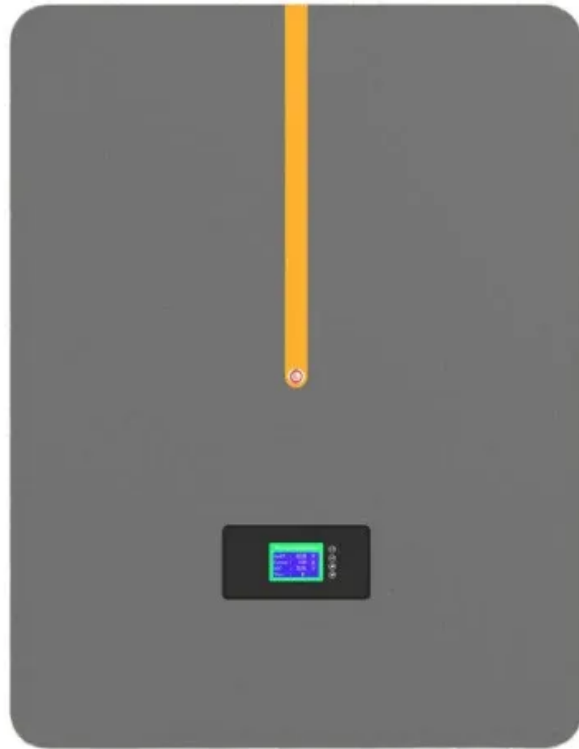


Scheme for increasing space for rural photovoltaic panels



Overview

Based on feedback, USDA and DOE recommitted to working together and developed an approach to addressing the needs of farmers and community priorities while also enabling a greater diversity of energy options. The plan includes: Developing new resources and platforms to share information for farmers. Across the country, solar farms have experienced rapid growth, supported by advancements in technology, cost reductions, and policy initiatives such as state-level renewable portfolio standards and tax credits. As shown in Map 1, roughly 18% of ground-mounted PV facilities in the U. were. In the race to meet renewable energy goals as demand rises across the United States, farm and ranch land is increasingly becoming a target for solar development. According to the American Farmland Trust's (AFT) Farms Under Threat: 2040 analysis, there is potential that 83% of solar built by 2040. One government grant program for solar panels on farms is called the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

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