

# Small-scale solar power generation returns



## Overview

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Solar farming can be profitable, with average returns of 10-15% annually. Initial setup costs range from \$800 to \$1,200 per kW of capacity while operating costs are typically low. Revenue depends on local energy prices and solar irradiance levels. More than one-third of U. solar power capacity is small-scale solar—a share that has been declining in recent years because utility-scale solar has been growing faster. In some states, small-scale solar capacity. New report documents the rapid rise of rooftop solar with detailed state-by-state data and rankings for small-scale solar trends Small-scale solar energy – most of which is installed on rooftops – is growing rapidly in the U., producing 10 times as much power in 2022 as a decade earlier. That's. In 2024, the US solar industry installed nearly 50 gigawatts direct current (GWdc) of capacity, a 21% increase from 2023. Solar accounted for 66% of all new electricity-generating capacity added to the US grid in 2024, as the. Solar farming, the practice of harnessing the sun's energy through vast arrays of solar panels, has gained significant attention as a sustainable energy source. As of 2025, it not only contributes to environmental conservation but also presents a potential income source for landowners and. IEA reported that in 2023, 407–446 GWdc of PV was installed globally, bringing cumulative PV installs to 1. The rest of the world was up 30% y/y. was the second-largest market in terms of. The first ever life-cycle analysis comparing big and small solar photovoltaic systems has concluded that small-scale solar systems are in fact better for the environment than even the largest, and most efficient, solar farm. Historically, solar electric systems were so expensive that many felt they.

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We expect both small-scale and utility-scale solar to continue growing through 2024. In some states, small-scale solar capacity is growing faster than the U.S. average in response to local incentives for ...

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### Is Solar Farming Profitable? (Full

## 2025 Breakdown)

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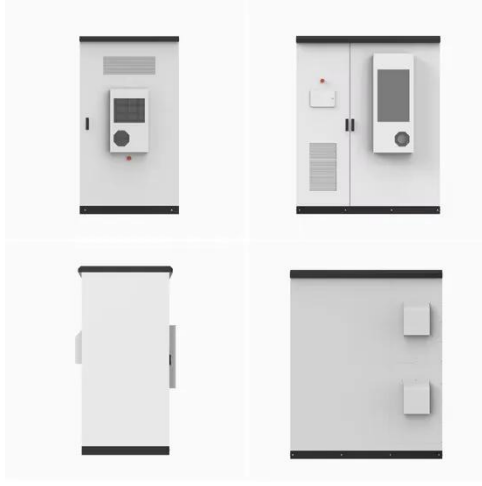
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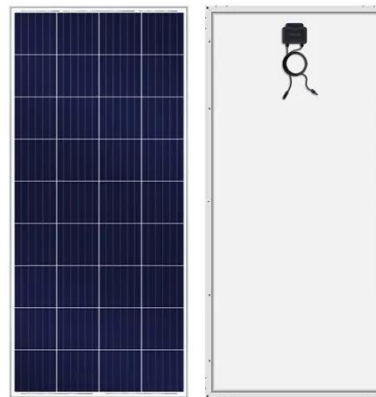
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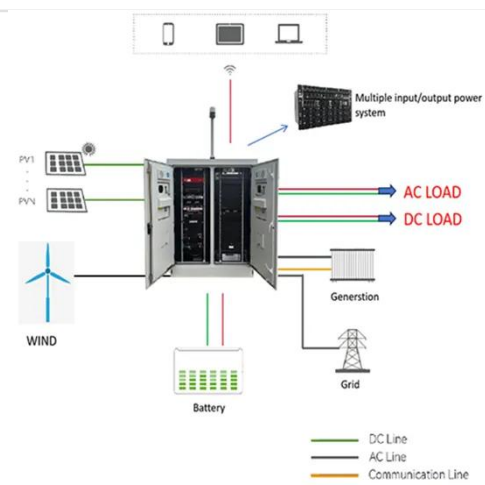
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