

Rural Minnesota Solar Initiative


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The Rural Minnesota Solar Initiative is a resource to help farmers and small business owners learn more about how solar can work for them and provide the needed assistance to catalyze projects.



Why here? Minnesota is a great place for solar energy, with more annual solar energy potential than Houston, TX and nearly as much as Miami, FL! There are already more than 700 solar installations in Minnesota, with new projects harnessing the sun each week.

The Rural Minnesota Solar Initiative lets you:

- Explore model projects for farms & businesses
- Learn about upcoming solar events
- Find local solar dealers and installers
- Connect with Minnesota solar manufacturers
- Discuss your project one-on-one with CERTs staff

On the back:

- Model projects
- Interactive map
- Contacts

Get started today at GetSolar.MnCERTs.org

Solar Thermal Air Heat for High Tunnel Season Extension

Flynn Farm in Frazee, MN: Dallas Flynn and his wife raise vegetables and shiitake mushrooms on a small farm. They are now using solar thermal air heat collectors to heat the soil, thereby extending their growing season and allowing them to continue selling produce well into the winter!



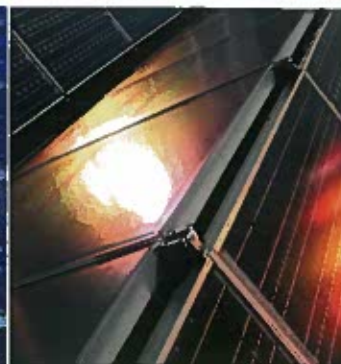
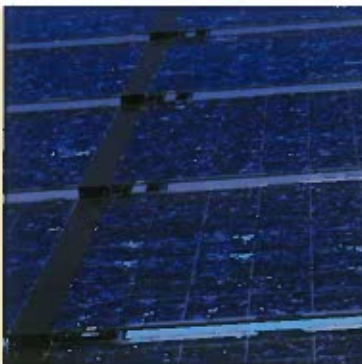
Solar Thermal Hot Water for Laundromats or Commercial Laundries

A Laundry Room in Ely, MN: In 2007, Rebecca Spengler decided to revamp an existing laundromat in Ely. Rebecca worked to make everything as energy efficient as possible first, then installed five solar thermal hot water collectors and two 120-gallon tanks. The system pre-heats her water to 120 degrees!



Solar Photovoltaic to Reduce Energy Costs for Main Street Businesses and Farms

Statewide MN: Prices continue to drop for solar PV, and the list of trained, quality installers continues to grow. Whether you're motivated by energy independence, increasing your property value, reducing your energy costs, or watching your meter run backwards, a solar photovoltaic system may be right for you.



Find solar dealers and installers!

Now is a great time to add solar to your farm or business. Our interactive map, coupled with planning resources from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources and CERTs, will provide everything you need to get started.

Talk to us

Are you a farmer or business owner interested in one-on-one follow up about a solar project?

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