

Solar Property

When I was first approached about solar, I had reservations and was skeptical. As I looked and researched more, I came to the conclusion that there was enough positive interest to explore further.

One of the questions nagging me was, would there be harm to the farmland? We hired a lawyer from Washington University. He reviewed the contract and informed us that it was a good contract, that restores the property back to its original farming condition, if need be, when the contract expires.

Another concern I had regarding the future of our farm is that our relatives who lease and farm our property are now senior citizens. We pose this question: “How much longer can our aging relatives realistically work the farm?” This solar contract guarantees the continual productive use of our property regardless of our family’s ability to physically farm. The solar company’s contract with us guarantees a long-term income for us as we age, however, our relatives farming the land ensures no promises.

When and if the solar contract should expire, the land then can be restored and used for agricultural purposes again or the solar contract may be renewed. The important point is the land will stay in our family for generations to come.

I empathize with my family who may be fearful of change. I now have come to an informed decision and feel confident after extensive research that my decision to support a solar farm on me and my sister’s property is right. Therefore, I also have concluded that the positives of solar far outweigh any negatives.

Thank you for your time and attention - Kathy Boren