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<b>Enter your Comment</b>	I think the idea of using farm ground for solar is a very exciting potential use of land. We already produce a surplus of commodity crops, which ends up driving down prices for

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<b>or Complaint:</b>	farmers. In fact, taxpayers are paying farmers to take land out of production through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Solar is a much more efficient way to generate renewable energy than growing corn for ethanol, which is one of the top uses for farmland today. We have plenty of sunshine and flat ground to go around. If someone wants to utilize some of their land for a new cash crop that pays more and benefits the residents of the community in general, I say more power to them.

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