

# Composite solar photovoltaic farmland occupation tax

Are solar PV arrays taxable?

The solar PV arrays do present particular problems. Obviously, 'solar farming' is not farming as understood by the tax system. Farming is defined, for income tax, as 'the occupation of land for the purposes of husbandry' (s996 Income Tax Act 2007). This definition is generally used for the purposes of other taxes such as CGT and IHT.

Are solar farm developments a tax issue?

In this article, Nicola Parkinson and Kathryn Brook, specialist lawyers from Walker Morris' Tax and Infrastructure & Energy teams respectively, highlight potential tax issues associated with solar farm developments.

Does a solar farm increase landowner income?

Landowner income may be significantly higher from solar farm income compared to agricultural rental income. Moreover, the transition of farmland to commercial property increases tax revenue for the county. Some increase in jobs is likely during construction and may remain for maintenance, depending upon contractual agreements.

Can a farmer farm a solar farm?

Clearly, this is a case where the farmer will not be carrying on the trade of generating and selling electricity. However, that may not be the end of the story. Depending on the design and layout of the solar panels, it may still be possible for the land to be farmed.

What happens if a site becomes a solar farm?

A site which becomes a solar farm ceases to be used for the purposes of that trade and this has potential tax implications. Farmers may want to continue with grazing the site if that is possible but, even if grazing continues, the site will only be partly used for the farming trade and therefore the tax issues cannot be entirely avoided.

What is photovoltaic agriculture?

Photovoltaic agriculture, the combination of photovoltaic power generation and agricultural activities, is a natural response to supply the green and sustainable electricity for agriculture.

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Farmland occupation tax is imposed on all state-owned or collectively owned crop-growing land, and shall apply to those who occupy garden land, forest land, grassland, land for irrigation and water conservancy, water surface for cultivation, beaches for fishery waters and other construction buildings on agricultural land or engage in ...

Surprisingly, integrating solar panels with farming has significantly boosted crop yields. Studies reveal that agrovoltaic systems increase yields by 20% to 60%, depending on the crop type. For instance, forage crops grown between solar panel rows have shown a 40% increase in yield, while peppers have demonstrated an impressive 60% boost. . The panels ...

It was tried to cool a photovoltaic panel using a combination of fins on the back and water on the top. With a multi-cooling strategy, the researcher believe that the solar module temperature can be maintained below 20 °C, and the electrical efficiency can be raised by 3% [13] reality, the PCM layer is responsible for maintaining a temperature that is optimal for ...

A novel method has been specifically designed in this work which allows dynamically accounting for the land occupation of solar energy, depending on the geographical location and year of ...

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The rapid expansion of photovoltaic (PV) power stations in recent years has been primarily driven by international renewable energy policies. Projections indicate that global PV installations have covered an area of 92000 km<sup>2</sup>, equivalent to the entire land area of Portugal (Zhang et al., 2023b, Zhang et al., 2023c). Based on current growth rates, China's ...

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As the world's largest carbon emitter, China has pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. An essential pathway to the carbon neutrality goal is to promote the replacement of coal-fired power generation with low or zero-carbon energy sources [1], [2]. Solar power, especially solar photovoltaic (PV), will be one of the main energy sources in the future ...

For agricultural property relief, for example, the farmer needs to be in occupation of the land for the purposes of agriculture. Certainly having sheep graze fields ...

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