

Benefits of Wind: The Advantages Come Back to You

Wind Supports Families and Generates Business

Developing our home-grown energy resources creates good jobs with family-supporting wages across the country. These jobs are in manufacturing, construction, engineering, transportation, finance, asset management and operations, as well as a wide range of supply chain industries like research and development, welding, fabricating, machining and assembly, and raw materials.

Currently, at least 534,000 Americans are employed in the renewable energy industry across all 50 states.

Wind Supports Communities

Wind power has breathed new life into many American rural communities. There has been over \$290 billion in capital investments in the wind industry.

Counties and townships use property tax payments from wind developers for **road improvements, schools, health care and public safety facilities, and** other infrastructure projects that benefit everyone.

- Local communities across the nation have received over \$1.05 billion in state and local tax payments from wind energy projects.
- Farmers, ranchers and other landowners have received over \$976 million in land-lease payments in the US.

Wind is Compatible with Agriculture

Wind power is compatible with ongoing agricultural operations.

- Only 2-5% of a landowner's property is needed for turbines, roads, and electrical substations.
- Therefore, both landowners and tenant farmers can continue to utilize the land near and around turbines.

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Wind Saves Consumers Money

Because wind has no fuel cost, wind energy protects consumers from volatility in the price of fossil fuels. **Adding wind energy to the power grid creates competition in the energy market, which helps drive prices down.** Without competing energy sources in the market, utilities may rely on conventional new electricity generation sources, which may not be the lowest cost for ratepayers in the long run.

Wind Energy Provides Jobs, Clean Energy, and Economic Development for America!



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