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## Harvesting the Sun: How to Shake the "L" Out of Your Electricity Bill

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# How to shake the "L" out of your Electricity Bill

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## Overview

- Why go Solar?
- How does it work?
- What programs are available for Ag?
- So... What's the bottom line?
- What is the future of Solar for Ag?

## Why go Solar?

Reduce Power Cost

- Energy Independence
- Sustainability



## How does it work?

Using "photovoltaics" in a proven application

Using the utility grid as a battery

Using advancements in mounting technology to get the best "bang for the buck"

## The Sun

#### The greatest source of energy

Photosynthesis

•Heat

•Electricity — Through Photovoltaic Process

Energy reaching the earth is incredible. By one calculation, 30 days of sunshine striking the Earth have the energy equivalent of the total of all the planet's fossil fuels, both used and unused! \* National Renewable Energy Laboratory







#### The Chemistry of Photovoltaics

- Basic physical process by which PV cell converts sunlight into electricity.
- Light shines on PV cell → energy of absorbed light transferred to electrons in the atoms of the cell
- Creates a current in electric circuit





- Net-metering measures difference between electricity you buy from utility & electricity your solar system generates
- Allows you to use grid like bank account

   debiting and crediting your utility

   account as you produce and use power
- Utilities must credit you for electricity your system generates and feeds to grid at same price they would sell it to you







• Fixed Mount – Roof or Ground Approx. 5.5 ESH (1 ESH = 1000 watts per m<sup>2</sup>) Or 1525 kWh per kW installed

• Single Axis Tracking + 25% Approx. 7.1 ESH (1 ESH = 1000 watts per m<sup>2</sup>) Or 1960 kWh per kW installed

• Dual Axis Tracking + 40% Approx. 7.8 ESH (1 ESH = 1000 watts per m<sup>2</sup>) Or 2175 kWh per kW installed









#### • 30% Federal Investment Tax Credit

- Available through 2016
- 1063 Grant Extension???

#### • Utility Rebate – Performance Based Incentive

- MID = 0.133/kW produced for 10 years ( $\leq 50\%$  of system cost)
- TID = 0.17/kW produced for 5 years
- PG&E =\$0.05/kW produced for 5 years
- Accelerated Depreciation 5 Years based on MACRS
- REAP Grant\* Based on funds available
  - 25% of system cost ( up to \$20,000 / max system cost of \$200,000)
  - 25% of system cost ( up to \$200,000 / max system cost of \$1,000,000)
  - \* Will not know eligibility until after system is completed

#### **CSI Rebates**

Performance-Based Incentive (PBI) (Paid in cents/kWh)

Mandatory for all systems over 30 kW

Ideal for larger commercial, government & non-profit projects

15 cents kWh Government & Nonprofit System 5 cents kWh Commercial Systems

Incentive paid based on the actual energy produced by the solar system, measured in kilowatt-hours

60 monthly payments over five years

High performance systems receive higher rebates

#### So... What's the bottom line?





- Orchard 150hp with 229,000 kWh/yr
- 107kw system on Single Axis Tracking
- Offsets utility bill by 85%
- System uses 0.8 Acres of Land





System Information		Cost Information	
Proposed System DC Size	107 kW DC (STC)	Proposed System Cost per rated Watt	\$5.50 per DC (STC) Watt
System's CEC AC Rating			
System's OEC AC Rating	30 KW AC (CEC)	Estimated Federal Tax Bracket	35.0%
Location's Average Sun Hours	7.1 Sun Hours	Current Utility Rate Average	13.2 ¢/kWh
Estimated Annual Production	211.161 kWh	Estimated First Year Utility Savings	\$26,716
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Gross System Cost with Sales Tax	\$589,875
30% Federal Tax Credit (ITC) or Treasury Grant	-\$176,963
Depreciation: Federal & Net State (total value, non-discounted)	-\$209,382
PBI Incentive	-\$177,704
Net System Cost with Tax Benefits & Incentives	\$25,826

Results	
Old Monthly Electric Bill	\$2,508
Estimated New Electric Bill	\$282
Percentage Bill Offset	88.8%
Internal Rate of Return over 25 years	13.7%
Total Savings over 25 years	\$868,534
Payback / Return on Investment	4.5 Years

Environmental Report					
4141 tons of CO2 over 25 years					
13,474,354 miles not driven					
71 acres of trees planted					

#### 107.5 kW (DC) Single Axis PV System TID Example – Cash Flow

10 Year Loan @ 6.5% / Annual Utility Increase of 6.7%/ 35% Fed Tax Bracket

Operating Savings	Year 1	Year 2
Avoided Electrical Purchases	26,716	28,319
Performance Based Incentive	35,897	35,539
Loss Federal Tax Deduction Electrical Expense	-9,351	-9,912
Loss State Tax Deduction Electrical Expense	-1,535	-1,627
SUB TOTAL	51,727	52,319
Loan Payment at 6.5%	53,365	53,365
Interest Expense	24,936	23,088
Benefit Interest Deduction	10,972	10,159
Annual Cash Flow	9,334	9,113
Cumulative Cash Flow	9,334	18,447
Cumulative Cash Flow plus Depreciation	31,574	82,708



- Huller Annual usage 1,209,000 kWh/yr
- 536kw system on Single Axis Tracking
- Offsets utility bill by 71.4%
- System uses 2.9 Acres of land



System Information		Cost Information	
Proposed System DC Size	536 kW DC (STC)	Proposed System Cost per rated Watt	\$4.25 per DC (STC) Watt
System's CEC AC Rating	487 kW AC (CEC)		
System S SES / S Rating		Estimated Federal Tax Bracket	35.0%
Leastian's Average Sun Hours	7.1 Sup Hours		
Location's Average Sull Hours	7.1 Sun Hours	Current Utility Rate Average	14.0 ¢/kWh
Estimated Annual Production	1,055,917 kWh	Estimated First Year Utility Savings	\$151,527

Gross System Cost with Sales Tax	\$2,279,063
30% Federal Tax Credit (ITC) or Treasury Grant	-\$683,719
Depreciation: Federal & Net State (total value, non-discounted)	-\$797,672
PBI Incentive	-\$261,353
Net System Cost with Tax Benefits & Incentives	\$536,319

Results	
Old Monthly Electric Bill	\$12,767
Estimated New Electric Bill	\$3,654
Percentage Bill Offset	71.4%
Internal Rate of Return over 25 years	17.7%
Total Savings over 25 years	\$3,554,953
Payback / Return on Investment	4.76 Years

Environmental Report					
20,705 tons of CO2 over 25 years					
67,378,933 miles not driven					
355 acres of trees planted					

#### 536 kW (DC) Single Axis PV System PG&E Example – Cash Flow

10 Year Loan @ 6% / Annual Utility Increase of 6.7% / 35% Fed Tax Bracket

Operating Savings	Year 1	Year 2
Avoided Electrical Purchases	132,783	140,750
Performance Based Incentive	52,796	52,532
Loss Federal Tax Deduction Electrical Expense	-46,474	-49,263
Loss State Tax Deduction Electrical Expense	-11,738	-12,442
SUB TOTAL	127,367	131,577
Loan Payment at 6%	216,756	216,756
Interest Expense	95,721	88,459
Benefit Interest Deduction (35% Fed / 8% State)	42,117	38,922
Annual Cash Flow	-47,225	-46,257
Cumulative Cash Flow	-47,225	-93,482
Cumulative Cash Flow plus Depreciation (50% 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Bonus)	356,063	415,191

## 536 kW (DC) Single Axis PV System PG&E Example – Cash Flow

10 Year Lease with 20% Buyout / Annual Utility Increase of 5%

#### Lease Cash Flow Analysis

Lease Term: 120 Months (Purchase or Renewal of Lease Option only)

Lease purchase Amount: \$486,200 (End Year 10)

	Avoided Utility Costs		Solar Lease	e payment	Savings				
Year	Utility Savings \$/year	per kWh	Annual	per kWh	Annual Lease Savings	Cumulative Savings	PG&E PBI Rebate	Total Lease Payment Including PBI	Net Savings per kWh
1	\$151,527	\$0.14	\$104,006	0.10	\$47,521	\$47,521	\$52,796	\$156,802	\$0.045
2	\$157,997	\$0.15	\$108,660	0.10	\$49,337	\$96,858	\$52,532	\$161,192	\$0.047
3	\$164,744	\$0.16	\$113,523	0.11	\$51,221	\$148,079	\$52,269	\$165,792	\$0.049
4	\$171,778	\$0.17	\$118,603	0.11	\$53,175	\$201,254	\$52,008	\$170,611	\$0.051
5	\$179,113	\$0.17	\$123,910	0.12	\$55,203	\$256,457	\$51,748	\$175,658	\$0.053
6	\$186,761	\$0.18	\$129,455	0.13	\$57,306	\$313,763		\$129,455	\$0.056
7	\$194,736	\$0.19	\$135,249	0.13	\$59,487	\$373,250		\$135,249	\$0.058
8	\$203,051	\$0.20	\$141,301	0.14	\$61,750	\$435,000		\$141,301	\$0.061
9	\$211,722	\$0.21	\$147,624	0.15	\$64,097	\$499,098		\$147,624	\$0.063
10	\$220,762	\$0.22	\$154,230	0.15	\$66,532	\$565,629		\$154,230	\$0.066
11	\$231,800	\$0.23	\$455,813		-\$224,012	\$341,617		\$455,813	-\$0.223
12	\$243,390	\$0.24	5°° 64		\$243,390	\$585,007			\$0.244
13	\$253,783	\$0.26			\$253,783	\$838,790			\$0.255
14	\$264,619	\$0.27			\$264,619	\$1,103,410			\$0.267
15	\$275,919	\$0.28			\$275,919	\$1,379,328			\$0.280
16	\$287,700	\$0.29			\$287,700	\$1,667,029			\$0.294
17	\$299,985	\$0.31			\$299,985	\$1,967,014			\$0.308
18	\$312,795	\$0.32			\$312,795	\$2,279,808			\$0.323
19	\$326,151	\$0.34			\$326,151	\$2,605,959			\$0.338
20	\$340,078	\$0.35			\$340,078	\$2,946,037			\$0.354
21	\$354,599	\$0.37			\$354,599	\$3,300,636			\$0.371
22	\$369,740	\$0.39			\$369,740	\$3,670,376			\$0.389
23	\$385,528	\$0.41			\$385,528	\$4,055,904			\$0.408
24	\$401,990	\$0.43			\$401,990	\$4,457,894			\$0.427
25	\$419,155	\$0.45			\$419,155	\$4,877,050			\$0.448
25 Year	TOTAL	AVG	TOTAL	AVG	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	AVG
Summary	\$6,609,424	\$0.269	\$1,732,374	\$0.124	\$4,877,050	\$4,877,050	\$261,353	\$2,255,080	\$0.201



#### Based on TID 150hp Example

Factors Compared	Fixed Mount	Dual Axis	Single Axis
kWh Produced	<u>211,731</u>	<u>211,114</u>	<u>211,161</u>
System Size	<u>140kW</u>	<u>97kW</u>	<u>107kW</u>
Gross Cost	<u>\$680,213</u>	<u>\$621,280</u>	<u>\$589,875</u>
Net Cost	<u>\$56,517</u>	<u>\$36,703</u>	<u>\$25,827</u>
Internal Rate of Return	<u>11.9%</u>	<u>13.0%</u>	<u>13.7%</u>
<u>Payback</u>	<u>5.05 Years</u>	4.74 Years	4.57 Years



## The Future of Solar Technology

• Efficiency Gains in Standard PV Technology

- 2-4% Gain in past 8 years in commercially available products
- 40-50% decrease in module cost in past 2 years
  (Due to over supply cause by constrained lending worldwide)
- New material technology becoming commercially available at lower cost
  - Spray on? .... Paint on?.... Concentrated?....
  - Proven production? Bank Lending? Reliability data?
    - Storage?.....

- Dave Moreland's experience and future developments





## Harvesting the Sun....

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## Questions?.....





## Thank You

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## Session at 8:30 am:

#### Saving Green by Going Green in Grand Ballroom

