Solar power generation cannot occupy arable land

Driven by subsidies, mandates and federal and state policies compelling the use of more renewable energy, solar energy facilities are now displacing farmland at an increasing rate.

In relation to the total arable land area, solar farms are therefore the absolute exception - and are often installed on sites with poor soil quality or that are difficult to cultivate in any case.

Currently, there are several ways solar panels can be installed to complement agricultural activities. Fixed vertical or tilted panels provide partial shading for crops and vegetables, protecting ...

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Land use change for solar farms has been rapidly accelerating worldwide and this is projected to continue.

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