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Leading Innovation in Agrivoltaics

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Farmdo Group President Masayuki Iwai

1. Introduction of Farmdo Group

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

<u>A Top-Tier Solar Farm® System in Japan</u>

It has been 31 years since our founding, and we owe our success to the support of the people of Gunma. Together with approximately 4,000 contracted producers and around 500 landowners involved in our solar power projects, we are working to improve farmers' incomes.

Japan's food self-sufficiency rate remains low at 38%, and the number of farming households is expected to drop below 20% by 2050. Meanwhile, global warming continues to cause more frequent heavy rainfall disasters, and Japan's energy self-sufficiency is at a critically low 13%, with 75% of its electricity dependent on fossil fuels.

Agrivoltaics, which addresses both the growing issue of abandoned farmland and the creation of a sustainable, circular society, is a powerful solution to these challenges. Leveraging the unique expertise we have accumulated, our company aims to expand these initiatives across Japan and globally.



Farmdo Group President Masayuki Iwai







Highly efficient sunlight transmissive panels as well as the transparent sections in the roofing of greenhouses ensure sufficient and balanced amount of sunlight for the crops beneath them.



3. Cultivation Methods of Agrivoltaics in Japan



Greenhouse (bifacial, monofacial, and transparent solar panels)



Coffee beans



Passion Fruits

Agricultural crops



Strawberries



Tomatoes



Lettuce



ハイブリッドソーラーグリーンハウス やさいのおうち Just as people have homes, vegetables also need a proper and comfortable environment to grow.



Eels



Shrimps



3. Cultivation Methods of Agrivoltaics in Japan



Open field (bifacial, monofacial, and transparent solar panels)



Patent: 6314347 (Double-sided), Patent: 5960332 (Single-sided)

4. Overseas Business





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Agrivoltaics in Mongolia (Mongolian Monnaran Power Plant)





4. Overseas Business



Agrivoltaics Research in Chile (Collaboration with INIA)







Evaluation of the viability of solar farms®

- Cultivation of blueberries under bifacial semi-transparent solar panels
- Examination of the effect of installing solar panels on sunlight sufficiency, temperature, humidity, etc.
- In collaboration with Chile's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and Agricultural Research Institute (INIA)
- Beneficial for prospective projects to utilize solar panels on top of blueberry farms and other crops





4. Business Proposal in Uzbekistan



50 kW Pilot Agrivoltaics under Development by Provitaz MMC













- Installation of solar panels above a raspberry farm.
- Using existing concrete pillars as part of the mounting components for solar panels.
- To demonstrate the economic, agricultural, environmental benefit of agrivoltaics.
- Farmdo looking forward to collaborate with Provitaz MMC after this pilot project is established.

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Why Uzbekistan Needs Agrivoltaics (Solarfarm®)



By utilizing the same farmland for both food production and electricity generation, agrivoltaics offers a unique opportunity to maximize land efficiency and unlock dual revenue streams from a single space.

Solutions

- Solar panels provide crops a necessary protection against excessive sun, wind, rain, hail, etc.
- Crops underneath solar panels require less irrigation due to increased humidity in the shade.

•	Abundant sunlight in Uzbekistan is a good opportunity for solar power generation.		
	Yearly solar	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	1,650 kWh/m ²
Irradiatio	Irradiation, GHI	Maebashi, Japan	1,483 kWh/m ²

Opportunities

- Surplus electricity can be exported and sold to the grid for additional income.
- Agrivoltaics will address both agricultural productivity and the nation's growing energy demand.
- This will pave the way for food self-sufficiency and a secure, stable electricity supply to support Uzbekistan's sustainable future.