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**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2022 8:17 AM

**To:** Joe Settles

**Subject:** Cooperative Solar Spring 2022





Visit Cooperative Solar



Cooperative Solar Farm One hosts visit by U.S. Energy Secretary



U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm recently stopped by Cooperative Solar Farm One, along with Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman and Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman. They learned how we are helping to make renewable energy accessible for more than 1.1 million Kentucky residents.



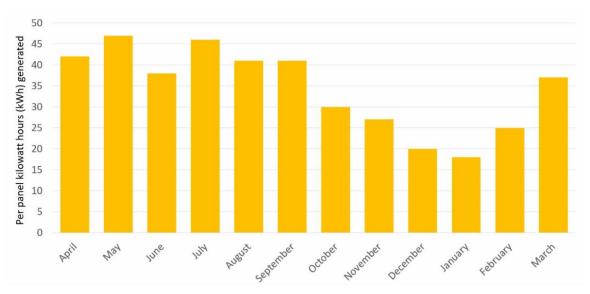
University of Kentucky students tour our solar farm



It was a chilly March day, but the University of Kentucky Energy Club braved the weather recently to visit Cooperative Solar Farm One and learn more about how we are making clean, renewable energy. Club members also got a look at our pollinator habitat.

Would you like to tour Cooperative Solar Farm One with your group? The 60-acre solar farm is located at the office of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, approximately eight miles east of Lexington on U.S. 60. To schedule a tour, please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@cooperativesolar.com">info@cooperativesolar.com</a>.





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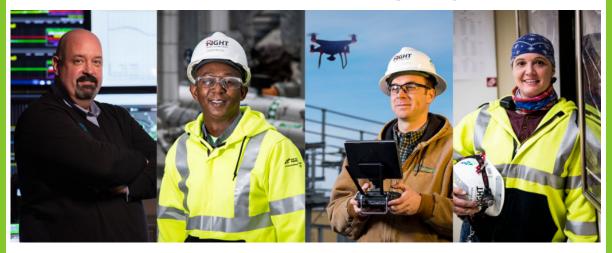
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**Subject:** Co-ops continue working for you

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# Co-ops continue working for you



Like groceries, gasoline and inflation, energy costs are rising.

Since mid-2021, the cost of fuel for power plants and market power has skyrocketed. Likely, you have seen the impact on your monthly power bill, especially during hot summer months and cold winter months when your air-conditioning and heating systems are working harder, driving electric usage up.

Your electric cooperative is working hard to keep costs affordable and service reliable.

Few things in life are as reliable as electricity. Still, we mostly take it for granted that the lights will come on when the switch is flipped — at least until we read the news about massive power outages in Texas and California in recent times.

Extreme weather events in those states exposed weaknesses in their systems, but also provided valuable lessons about the reliability we enjoy here in Kentucky. Through strategic

thinking and constant improvement, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are prepared to meet our members' need for electricity 24/7/365.

How? Following our parents' advice, we never put all our eggs in one basket. The sources of electricity for the 16 owner-members are strategically diversified to meet the round-the-clock needs of the homes and businesses they serve.

EKPC generates electricity for the co-ops through four plants fueled by coal and natural gas, along with its portfolio of renewable resources.

On our system, we also recognize renewables are an essential part of our energy production. They offer competitive prices with low or no carbon emissions. Our Cooperative Solar Farm One is one of the largest solar projects in Kentucky. We purchase hydropower from the federal Southeastern Power Administration through Laurel and Wolf Creek dams. Six more cooperative plants generate renewable power from methane gas at landfills.

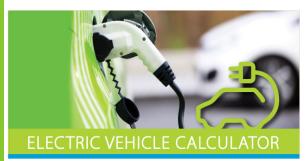
We also have options outside of our own power plants. We are part of a power market covering 13 states called PJM Interconnection. This allows us to tap into power sources outside of Kentucky.

PJM manages the largest electric power grid in North America, and administers one of the world's largest competitive electricity markets. Being a member greatly helps EKPC to ensure reliable service. It's like belonging to a very large reserve power sharing organization.

Our owner-members and the 1.1 million people they serve can rest easy knowing that their need for electricity can be reliably met through our diversified power generation sources. We've got this.

Thank you for being a member of your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative, and for participating in the envirowatts program. Learn more about how co-ops are working for you at Rising Costs - Together We Save (togetherwesaveky.com)

## **Check out our EV Calculator to find your next ride**



Is an EV right for you? With prices dropping and technology changing, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have seen a surge of interest in electric vehicles.

We offer an EV calculator that compares makes and models. It's free, easy to use and unbiased. Go to Electric Vehicle Calculator and check it out!



### **Learn more about Cooperative Solar**

Looking for another way to purchase renewable energy? Check out our Cooperative Solar program.

Co-op members can license solar panels at Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' not-for-profit 60-acre solar farm. You can tap into renewable solar energy for your home or business without the headaches of installing and maintaining solar panels themselves.

Learn more and submit an application at www.cooperativesolar.com.

## Want to do more?



# The right choice for you

We know many Kentuckians are looking for ways to support renewable energy efforts. Again, we thank you for your support. Feel free to share this e-newsletter and talk about your participation with friends and family.

You can also learn about ways to improve your home's energy efficiency by visiting www.togetherwesaveky.com.

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From: Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives <info+envirowattsky.com@ccsend.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 8:55 AM

**To:** Joe Settles

**Subject:** Thank you for being a co-op member





Your local co-op is part of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives. We're different from traditional power companies. We're part of a nationwide network of member-owned electric co-ops. That means, your cooperative puts members first and connects you to the power and information in your community.

We operate on four core values: Integrity, Innovation, Accountability and Commitment to Community. By participating in our envirowatts program, you're a part of that innovation. We're constantly looking for ways to be better environmental stewards, meet our members' ever-evolving needs and provide sustainable power.

We demonstrate our commitment to community by supporting reputable organizations such as Special Olympics Kentucky, Honor Flight Kentucky and the Kentucky Ronald McDonald Houses. It's our way of saying thank you for being a co-op member and a member of the community.

If you're interested in learning how we support the local communities we serve, click below.

Learn more here

#### How envirowatts works

There are many benefits of purchasing envirowatt portions: you help support the future of renewable energy and you help reduce carbon dioxide emissions – all things to feel good about.

With four options, including solar, wind, biomass and hydro, you have the choice of how your renewable energy dollars are spent. You have the power to designate how your \$2.75 portion is used. Each renewable energy option has a varying amount of carbon dioxide offset per portion.

For example under current market prices, a \$2.75 portion of solar supplies around 1,559 pounds of carbon dioxide offset. That's the equivalent to removing emissions from consumption of 79 gallons of gasoline or annual greenhouse gas emissions from 1,754 miles/year driven by an average passenger vehicle.

If you purchase a \$2.75 portion of wind, you offset around 4,973 pounds of carbon dioxide. That's the equivalent to removing emissions from consumption of 253 gallons of gasoline or annual greenhouse gas emissions from 5,595 miles/year driven by an average passenger vehicle.

Purchasing a \$2.75 portion of hydro offsets around 6,921 pounds of carbon dioxide. That's the equivalent to removing emissions from consumption of 353 gallons of gasoline or annual greenhouse gas emissions from 7,787 miles/year driven by an average passenger vehicle.

If you purchase a \$2.75 portion of biomass you offset around 311 pounds of carbon dioxide. That's the equivalent to removing emissions from consumption of 16 gallons of gasoline or annual greenhouse gas emissions from 350 miles/year driven by an average passenger vehicle.

Plus, there's no maximum of portions you can purchase. To increase the green benefits of envirowatts, you can purchase as many portions as you'd like.

\*EPA.gov's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator used to calculate savings. Current market prices are as of March 2021.







## What's Cooperative Solar?

Looking for another way to purchase renewable energy? Check out our Cooperative Solar program.

Co-op members can license solar panels at Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives' not-for-profit 60-acre solar farm. You can tap into renewable solar energy for your home or business without the headaches of installing and maintaining solar panels themselves.

Many co-op members are interested in going solar but they face obstacles, such as:

- Covering their roof with solar panels.
- Maintaining the equipment themselves.
- Their home's roof is shaded by trees or is not aligned for optimum sun exposure.
- They rent their dwelling.
- Deed restrictions prevent installation of panels.

Cooperative Solar is renewable energy that is easy and affordable. Your electric cooperatives install and maintain solar panels on our property; and, with a one-time payment, coop members get credit on their monthly power bill for the energy produced by their share of the panels over the next 25 years.

For a one-time payment of \$460 per panel, participating members will receive a 25-year license to one of the panels. That means they will get credit on their monthly power bill for their proportional share of the energy generated by the solar farm, as well as the market value of their panel's capacity. And they can monitor panel performance online.

Cooperative Solar participants are joining a community of co-op members who are committed to the environment and the future.

Many businesses have sustainability goals that can be met through Cooperative Solar, which offers participants the option of retiring or monetizing the solar energy renewable credits associated with their share of the farm.

This is an easy, cost-effective way to enjoy the benefits of renewable solar energy and also manage energy costs.

Cooperative Solar Farm One is one of the biggest solar installations in Kentucky. Your cooperatives are leading the way in bringing renewable energy to our members and embracing the technologies of the future. Learn more and submit an application at <a href="https://www.cooperativesolar.com">www.cooperativesolar.com</a>.

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Each person's reason for exploring renewable energy is unique. That's why we offer a customizable renewable energy solution tailored to your goals and budget. We offer renewable energy from a number of innovative sources including solar, wind, biomass and hydro. You can select the option that is right for you.

> Ready to go renewable? Contact your local Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperative today.

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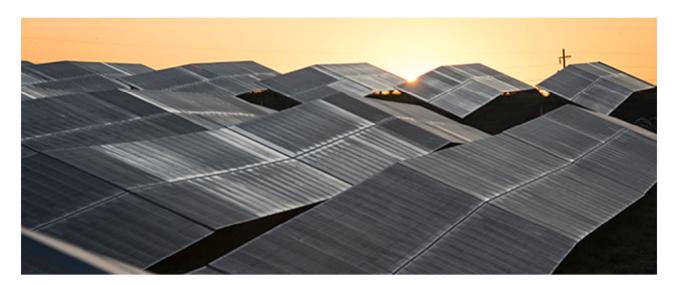


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