

How solar PV could write a new chapter for your farm in 2022

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When December rolls around, we often reflect on the year that's past - and there's no getting around it, it's been a tough twelve months for farmers and the Agri community.

Business costs are up. Energy prices are climbing. And farms everywhere face increasing pressure to 'go green', with Tesco being the latest to ask suppliers to adopt climate-friendly farming practices.*

We're proud to be a part of the Mole Valley Farmers community and to do our part to help members' businesses survive and thrive. At Mole Energy, we do that by offering a wide range of renewable energy solutions including solar PV, battery storage and electric vehicle charging points - with a particular focus on serving agricultural businesses.

This enables us to support farmers in three important ways:

We can help you be more productive.

Generating your own energy and using it on-site reduces your dependence on the Grid. Over the next five years, business energy prices are forecast to jump by one third**. Solar means energy security for farmers, which helps to safeguard your productivity.

We can help you be more profitable.

Generating your own power will cut your energy bills and your CO₂ emissions. And as well as saving on your operating expenses, you'll also earn tax relief on the capital cost of your system.

Finally, we can help you become more sustainable. Business solar is good for your pocket and the planet. Our friendly experts are focused on providing specialist, site-specific agricultural solar PV systems that lock in savings for the long-term.

Solar surge

We've seen a massive increase in the number of Mole Energy customers installing solar to secure a low-cost, low-carbon future for their businesses. What do they have to say about their new systems?

On productivity:

"I'm sat in the cider barn watching the aircon working. We need it to cool the building as we're bottling tomorrow and I know it's all being done by the panels. It's brilliant."

Richard Frampton, Farmer - Dickies Dribble and Wood Farm Cider

On profitability:

"We own a robotic dairy farm with 180 cows. We first installed a 10kW system with Mole Energy six years ago, then last year made the decision to install a further 40kW system. Our three robots run 24/7 but we had an unbelievably hot summer with our panels generating throughout the day. This saved us £600 per month on our energy bills (in June, July and August)."

Mr R - Dairy Farmer

On sustainability:

"We established that solar would be a really good way to contribute towards getting to zero carbon. I would recommend Mole Energy as one of the best suppliers on the market."

John Bailey, Director of Estates - Plymouth Marjon University

Ray of light

It's easy to see why so many are investing in solar.

The combination of steeply rising energy bills, a dramatic fall in the cost of solar; and a desire to play a part in protecting the environment; means solar has never been a more viable option for businesses.

Solar solutions

We know we can't solve all of our members' challenges moving into the new year. But we do know that solar PV will support farmers in becoming more productive, profitable and sustainable in 2022 - and at an affordable price.

From all of us here at Mole Energy: we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2022!

* https://www.farminguk.com/news/tesco-to-roll-out-leaf-marque-accreditation-across-global-supply-chain_59058

** <https://smarterbusiness.co.uk/blogs/soaring-price-of-electricity-uk-set-to-shock/>

To find out how we can support your business in the New Year call our specialist Agri team



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