

Solar Array Lands Supporting Agribusinesses (SALSA)

The SALSA program is specifically designed to address two key issues: **equitable access to land** for aspiring agricultural entrepreneurs from underserved communities, and **maximizing the potential of land** within existing solar energy infrastructure. Traditionally, this has been a major barrier to entry. The SALSA program breaks down this barrier by offering free access to underutilized land within established solar arrays located on Colorado's Front Range.

Benefits for Entrepreneurial Community Members

| Increased Solar Land Utilization | Farmers gain valuable experience by partnering with solar companies, which maximizing land use. This promotes more efficient land use of the future. |
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| Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Latinx communities | Latinx, Chicano, Hispanic, and immigrant communities with prior agricultural experience gain access to land to launch their own agribusinesses, fostering economic empowerment. |
| Community Food Security | The program promotes local food production, contributing to a more secure and sustainable food system for Colorado communities. |
| Access | SALSA provides land access to underserved communities with farming backgrounds. |

Building a Brighter Future Together

This holistic approach not only promotes sustainability but also strengthens community resilience, enabling local food systems to be more robust and equitable in the face of environmental challenges. Pilot program begins January 2025.



Next Steps

If you are an immigrant or Latinx community member interested in learning more about the SALSA program, contact the Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center at <u>nelson@coagrivoltaic.org</u>.

By participating in SALSA, you are not only contributing to a more sustainable future but also demonstrating a commitment to innovative practices that support our local communities and environment. Join us in pioneering the future of agrivoltaics!

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