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Overview

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From massive wind farms generating power to small turbines powering a single home, wind turbines around the globe generate clean electricity for a variety of power needs. In the United States, wind turbines are becoming a common sight.

Annual electricity generation from wind is measured in terawatt-hours (TWh) per year. This includes both onshore and offshore wind sources.

Today more than 72,000 wind turbines across the country are generating clean, reliable power. Wind power capacity totals 151 GW, making it the fourth-largest source of electricity generation capacity in the country. This is enough wind power to serve the equivalent of 46 million American homes.

Wind turbines can turn wind into the electricity we all use to power our homes and businesses. They can be stand-alone or clustered to form part of a wind farm. Here we explain how they work and why they are important to the future of energy. How do wind farms work?

Wind farms can consist of a few or hundreds of turbines, providing enough power for tens of thousands of homes. Small wind turbines, up to 100 kilowatts, are typically close to where the generated electricity will be used, for example, near homes, telecommunications dishes or water pumping stations.

How many kilowatthours do wind turbines generate a year?

Total annual U.S. electricity generation from wind energy increased from about 6 billion kilowatthours (kWh) in 2000 to about 434 billion kWh in 2022. In 2022, wind turbines were the source of about 10.3% of total U.S. utility-scale electricity generation.

Are wind turbines a good investment?

In countries that have windy winters (when electricity demand is at its highest), wind turbines could be a strong contender; on August 11, 2016, for example, wind turbines in (windy) Scotland produced enough energy to power the whole country, while in May 2021, wind energy provided almost two thirds of Britain's entire electricity.

Where can wind turbines be built?

Wind turbines can be built on land or offshore in large bodies of water like oceans and lakes. The U.S. Department of Energy is currently funding projects to facilitate offshore wind deployment in U.S. waters. Modern wind turbines can be categorized by where they are installed and how they are connected to the grid:.

Is wind power a sustainable option?

In 2015, China also surpassed the EU in the number of installed wind turbines and continues to lead installation efforts. Industry experts predict that if this pace of growth continues, by 2050 one third of the world's electricity needs will be fulfilled by wind power. Wind power offers a sustainable option in the pursuit of renewable energy.

What is the capacity factor of a wind farm?

The "capacity factor" of wind farms varies quite a bit, but 30–50 percent is a decent, working range. A blog called Energy Numbers suggests that typical UK offshore farms vary between about 33 percent and 50 percent for 2021.

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Wind power

Almost all large wind turbines have the same design -- a horizontal axis wind turbine having an upwind rotor with 3 blades, attached to a nacelle on top of a tall tubular tower. The actual amount of electric power that wind can generate is ...

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