



# Prairie Star Wind Farm

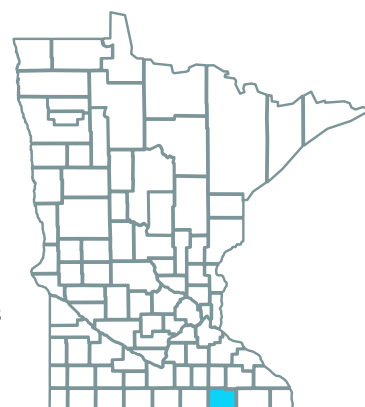
Mower County, Minnesota

⚡ Installed capacity: **101 MW**

🏠 Online since: **2007**

🏠 Generation is equivalent to the average consumption of more than **34,000 Minnesota homes**.<sup>1</sup>

In the wide-open farmland of southern Minnesota, the Prairie Star Wind Farm turns wind into a “second crop” of clean electricity. The wind farm is located 15 miles east of Austin along the Minnesota state line and includes farm land in the Clayton, Bennington, Marshall, and Grand Meadow townships in Mower County.



## Economic benefits



**\$8.2 million**  
TOTAL PROJECT IMPACT<sup>2</sup>



**\$5 million**  
PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS<sup>4</sup>



**\$3.1 million**  
PAID TO LANDOWNERS<sup>3</sup>



**Millions of dollars**  
SPENT LOCALLY<sup>5</sup>



PERMANENT JOBS<sup>6</sup>  
**12 jobs created**



CONSTRUCTION JOBS<sup>6</sup>  
**Hundreds of jobs created**

### Energy security

Power generated at Prairie Star supports the state of Minnesota's electric grid. The wind farm would contribute to the **energy security for the United States**, helping diversify domestic supply.

### Wind energy and land use

Wind turbines have a limited footprint, **leaving 98 percent of the project's leased land undisturbed** and available for farming, wildlife habitat, ranching, or recreation.<sup>7</sup>

### Wind energy supports American manufacturing

More than 450 American factories produce parts and materials for the U.S. wind industry, which **employs more than 130,000 Americans**.<sup>8</sup>

## Prairie Star's environmental impact

The wind farm saves more than **179 million gallons** of water each year and prevents the air pollution that causes smog and acid rain.<sup>9</sup>

## EDPR NA's impact in North America from wind energy<sup>10</sup>



**\$575+ million**  
PAID TO  
LANDOWNERS



**\$558+ million**  
PAID TO LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS



**7,400+**  
CONSTRUCTION  
JOBS CREATED



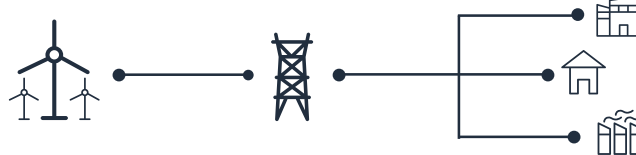
**610+**  
PERMANENT  
JOBS CREATED



## How wind energy works

EDPR NA uses wind turbines to harness the natural resource of wind to generate mechanical energy. This energy is transformed into electricity via a generator and is sent to the electrical grid after being converted to the proper voltage.

### Power grid



**Wind is one of the cheapest forms of energy.<sup>11</sup>**

Wind energy provides at least a quarter of the electricity produced in eight states.<sup>12</sup>

## Local experience with EDPR NA

“The best part of the wind farm in our area is that it's generated dollars. There's some research that shows that when a dollar comes into a community, it circulates about seven times. It helps the fabric of the community. It helps the leadership in the community draw more people by saying, 'Hey, this is a place to do business.'”



*Dan H., Business owner and landowner, Minnesota*

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<sup>1</sup> Power generation calculated using a 35% capacity factor. Household consumption based on the 2023 EIA Household Data monthly average consumption by state.

<sup>2</sup> Includes vendor spending, property taxes, and landowner payments through 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Cumulative landowner payments through 2024.

<sup>4</sup> Cumulative local government payments through 2024.

<sup>5</sup> Cumulative local vendor spending including payments to contractors, suppliers, and service companies, as well as donations within 50-miles of the project area through 2024.

<sup>6</sup> Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.

<sup>7</sup> American Clean Power Association, Wildlife and Wind Power Facts, 2021.

<sup>8</sup> American Clean Power Association, Wind Power Facts, 2024.

<sup>9</sup> Assumes 0.58 gallons of water consumed per kWh of conventional electricity from Lee, Han, & Elgowainy, 2016.

<sup>10</sup> Based on EDP Renewables North America's operational wind farms through 2024.

<sup>11</sup> Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy 2024 (version 17.0)

<sup>12</sup> American Clean Power Association, Wind Power Facts and Statistics, 2025.

## About us

EDP Renewables North America LLC (EDPR NA), its affiliates, and its subsidiaries develop, construct, own, and operate wind farms and solar parks throughout North America. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, with 61 wind farms, 26 solar parks, and eight regional offices across North America, EDPR NA has developed more than 12,000 megawatts (MW) and operates more than 11,400 MW of onshore utility-scale renewable energy projects. With more than 1,000 employees, EDPR NA's highly qualified team has a proven capacity to execute projects across the continent.

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