

Cross-Province Solar Farm Tour Kicks-Off In Niagara

Agricultural Co-op Holds First Dates In Niagara For Area Farmers

What: *Harvesting the Sun*, a Province-wide Solar Farm Tour, hosted by an agricultural solar co-operative, kicks off this week in Niagara. AGRIS Solar selected Niagara as an ideal launch pad for the tour given the Region’s rich agricultural infrastructure and support for renewable energy.

Who: AGIS Solar Co-operative, the Province’s largest MicroFIT solar organization exclusive serving Ontario’s agricultural and rural community is launching its “Harvesting the Sun”, a cross-province tour of agricultural communities to connect with more than 15,000 farmers and rural landowners.

When & Where:

April 11	April 12	April 14
Niagara College Glendale Niagara On the Lake, ON	Best Western Vineland Jordan, ON	Niagara College Glendale Campus Niagara On the Lake, ON
5:30pm – 8:00pm	10:00am – 12:00pm 2:00pm – 4:00pm	5:30pm – 8:00pm

About the Solar Farm Tour:

- AGRIS Solar Co-operative is 400 member co-operative representing more than 700 farm and rural properties across the Province. The organization is Ontario’s largest managers of ground mounted solar MicroFIT contracts, on behalf of its members.
- AGRIS Co-operative, a large Ontario-based agricultural co-operative with more than 1,200 members, sponsored the organization.
- AGIS Solar Co-op is a unique vehicle for direct participation by farm and rural families, in the Ontario Green Energy Act’s MicroFIT Program.
- AGRIS Solar is a logical alternative to either third party property leasing or “going it alone” and bearing the full risk, cost and responsibility in participation in the program.
- The organization has initiated is initial \$66 million construction across farms in Southwestern Ontario and is supported by a \$41.4 million debt facility from Farm Credit Corp (“FCC”).
- AGRIS Solar works closely with other co-operatives and have had significant interaction with local agricultural and renewable energy stakeholders.

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