



## Future now uncertain for wind farm off RI

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Drive through the plains of Iowa or Kansas and you'll see more than rows of corn, wheat and soybeans. You'll also see towering wind turbines spinning above fields and solar panels shining in the sun on barns and machine sheds.

- For many farmers, these are lifelines. Renewable energy provides steady income and affordable power, helping farms stay viable when crop prices fall or drought strikes.
- But some of that opportunity is now at risk as the Trump administration cuts federal support for renewable energy.

### Wind power brings steady income for farms

Wind energy is a significant economic driver in rural America. In Iowa, for example, over 60% of the state's electricity came from wind energy in 2024, and the state is a hub for wind turbine manufacturing and maintenance jobs.

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year contracts.

Nationwide, wind and solar projects contribute about \$3.5 billion annually in combined lease payments and state and local taxes, more than a third of it going directly to rural landowners.

The Sustainably Co-locating Agricultural and Photovoltaic Electricity Systems project, led by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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In 2024, 93% of all new electricity generating capacity was wind, solar or energy storage, and the U.S. Energy Information Administration expected a similar percentage in 2025 as of June.

## Trump ends security for Harris

Steve Holland  
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump has canceled Secret Service protection for former vice president and 2024 Democratic rival Kamala Harris, a senior White House official said Aug. 29.

Former vice presidents typically receive six months of Secret Service protection after they leave office.

Harris' protection was extended to one year, until January 2026, by then-President Joe Biden before he left office last January, the official said.

Harris in September is to embark on a 15-city book tour for her memoir, "107 Days," about her unsuccessful

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## Israeli military pounds outskirts of Gaza City

Part of push to take control of entire enclave

REUTERS

JERUSALEM – Israel's military stepped up armed operations around Gaza City on Aug. 29, ending temporary pauses there that had allowed for aid deliveries, as it announced the recovery of the body of Ilan Weiss, a hostage seized by Hamas.

Israel is pushing ahead with a plan to take full control of the whole Gaza Strip, starting with Gaza City, with the goal of destroying Hamas after nearly 23 months of war, while facing a global outcry over starvation in the besieged

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Palestinians gather near a cemetery as smoke rises following an explosion on Aug. 28 during an Israeli operation in Gaza City, Gaza Strip. DAWOUD ABU ALKAS/REUTERS

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