



McLean County, Illinois

## Farmer, Landowner

# Clayton Rosenberger

My family has lived, working as tenant farmers in the area, for over 100 years, and I have lived here and farmed for my whole life. I love farming. It's in my blood and soul. Every day is a different challenge, there's no two days the same, and I work at my own pace. That's what's nice about it. It gives me pride to grow the crops that feed the world.

I have one turbine on my land, but I'm also a tenant farmer on acreage that has four turbines. We were one of the last families to sign a contract with EDP Renewables [to lease our land to the wind farm], but ultimately, the money made sense. When I rip open a bag of seed, I have no clue whether I'm going to get money back or not. But with the wind turbines, you know the money's coming in. We've been happy ever since signing. It's made life easier as we get to retirement age. We know there's going to be some additional income coming in so we don't worry as much. We might take an occasional vacation, but otherwise it's going right into a special wind farm account and we're going to let it grow.

I've had a positive experience with the turbines. You get used to them and they're not an inconvenience. I've farmed around high-tension towers. It's not any different from farming around them or farming around a creek. You just do what you got to do, and it's not an imposition to do it, especially when they help everyone so much. As a whole, we're a wealthier community than we were. We have more tax base money, which helps everything from the EMS services to the fire departments to the road districts. It's just a good thing.

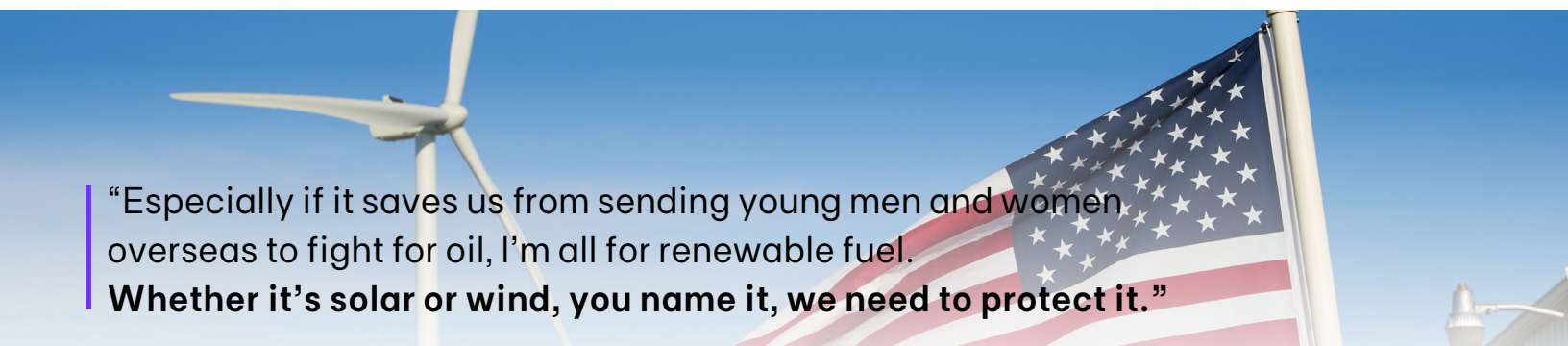


The wind farms  
are strengthening  
agriculture as  
a whole, for  
generations to come.  
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These quotes are from an interview with Clayton Rosenberger on September 20th, 2022. They have been edited for clarity.



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“Especially if it saves us from sending young men and women overseas to fight for oil, I'm all for renewable fuel.  
**Whether it's solar or wind, you name it, we need to protect it.”**