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U.S. Per Person Barrels of Oil Equivalent Used (yearly)



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0 Oil Equivalents/Person

Oil and Food Prices in lock Step



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Fossil Fuel Inputs for Global Ag Biz 10 units of fossil energy = 1 unit of food energy

- 28% for the manufacture of fertilizer
- 20% for the operation of field machinery
- 10% for farm and wholesale transportation
- 11% for irrigation
- 9% for processing
- 10% for retail distribution
- 8% for miscellaneous

100% Total

Solar/Electric Small Farm .01 units of fossil energy for = 1 unit of food energy

- 0% for the operation of field machinery
- 0% for farm and wholesale transportation
- 0% for irrigation
- 0% processing
- 0% retail distribution
- 1% miscellaneous

1% of Global Ag Biz

Solar Charged Electric Tractors



Tractors require weight for traction





Batteries provide useful weight for traction



E- Porsche and E-Tractor '93



Built for Ford-New Holland '95 Solectrac™



E-tractors Built in Ft. Bragg shop '94



Onboard inverter for mobile AC power

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Scratch-built with wheel motors, adjustable seat and solar shade canopy 1996 First use of linear actuators, exchangeable battery packs and remote control



Scratch-Built Crawlers 2008 - 2010



Good for low compaction and high traction but had low operating efficiency





Before poisons and inefficient hydrostatic drive there were high clearance, adjustable track cultivating tractors like the Allis Chalmers 'G'. The 'G's was 10 HP and had no PTO







Prototype #1: AC motor; lead acid batteries; used transmission; no front hitch



Prototype #3: AC motor; Lithium batteries; used transmission; front, mid & rear hitch



Prototype #2: DC motor; Lithium batteries; used transmission; front, mid & rear hitch



Prototype #4: AC motor; Lithium batteries; NEW transmission; HC; front, mid & rear hitch





Short wheel base; 20" clearance; good forward visibility; complete roll cage; 8 speeds forward and reverse; front, mid and rear Category 1, 3 pt. hitches with rear PTO and adjustable track



from 44" to 72"

The eFarmer is made for organic row crop farms





Unloading the eFarmer at the International Testing Lab with the exchangeable pack on the mid hitch and loader bucket on the front hitch



Battery Exchange and Implement Motor Connectors Front and Rear with No Exposed Cables



Category 1, Three Point Hitches Front, Mid and Rear Operated by Linear Actuators at 20 Times More Efficiency Than Hydraulics with No Toxic Fluids



Exchangeable battery pack can be quickly mounted on any hitch for extended run time



Rear hitch with PTO can carry and power any Category 1 implement



Three Hitches can do 3 tasks with on pass



Solectrac is also manufacturing an Electric Utility Tractor The eUtility can be used on: small farms, large indoor equestrian arenas, commercial greenhouses, vineyards, hobby farms, and livestock operations.



The eUtility can replace any 25 – 40 diesel tractor. It has Category 1 three point hitche and a 540 rpm PTO

Land Area and Water Needed to Fuel Farm Traction without Oil



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Barn Roof Power Plants



Heckeroth Homestead '93 The Mother Earth News 2006

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Drive Train Efficiency



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Comparing Fossil Fuel with Solar Charging

Electric tractor & 1.5 kW PV

Vehicle Type & Fuel Source

Liquid fuel used 7,500 gals ZERO 300 hrs/yr for 25 yrs 250 MWh 60 MWh Energy used 25 yrs Fuel cost/hr \$10.00 \$0.80 Fuel cost/yr \$3,000 **\$240** <u>\$6,000</u> * Fuel cost over 25 yrs <u>\$75,000</u> \$10.00/gal, \$4/watt trace **100 tons** $CO_2/25$ years

Combustion

Assumptions average next 25yrs : 1 gal/hr, \$10.00/gal, 30kWh/gal, 28lbs CO₂/gal,

*Current installed cost and performance for 3 kW PV w/ 25 year warranty Solectrac™