

Farmers who host (or want to host) renewable projects on their land say they want a non-profit association to represent THEM.



Renewable Energy Farmers of America

A research project evaluating if America’s farmers engaged in renewable energy development on their land (and those that aren’t) want an association that represents THEM to ease development of renewable-energy projects.

Intro

Without the cooperation of voluntary landowners throughout America, scaling renewable energy development is impossible.

But those farmers are not **organized** against the local regulations and community member concerns (often misinformed) that prevent development. **They need a collective voice.**

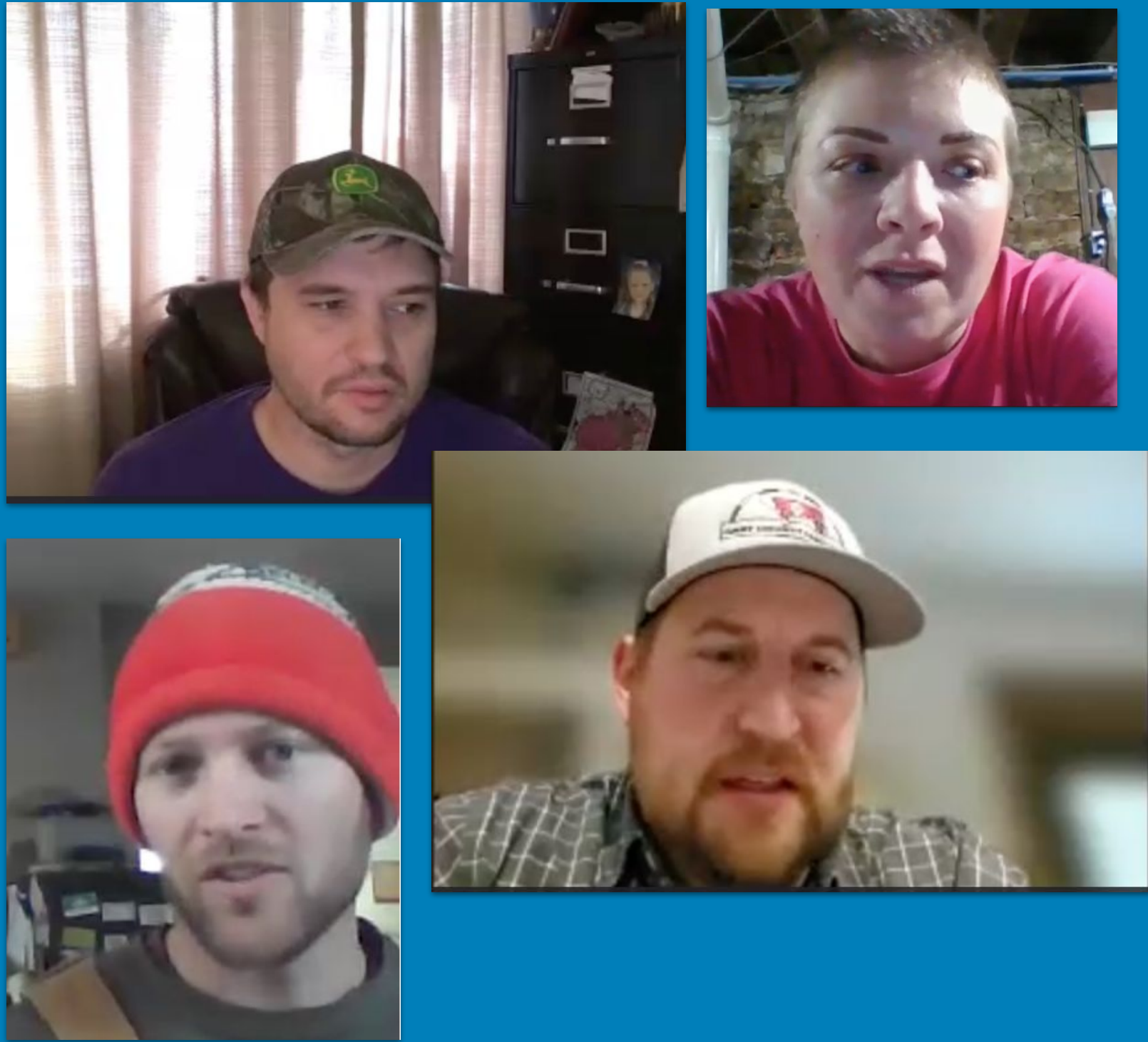
Methods

- Two research phases:
- Qualitative (complete)
 - Quantitative (underway)

Results to Date

- There is both need and desire for a farmer-led association
- Farmers want to get smart fast (on renewables), and want knowledgeable advice
- They want to network w/ other farmers
- They want to be heard

“[The community] will say stupid stuff...They come with a list of factless claims. They spread lies. We need support in educating the people!” - Wayne, solar lessor, OH



Questions for Developers:

- Would you support such an association?
- What would you want from such an association?
- What advice would you give to the leaders of such an association?

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