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Solar and wind power advancing

U.S. electricity generation from wind and solar energy show no signs of slowing down.

In its new monthly forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration expects wind-powered generation to grow by 19 percent this year and rise another 8 percent in 2014.

Congress's extension in January of a tax credit for electricity producers that use renewables is behind the wind power boost.

Solar generation in the electric power sector is expected to grow even more, rising 79 percent in 2013, and 49 percent next year. Though solar power will have strong growth, it still will account for less than one-third of 1 percent of total U.S. electricity generation next year.

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