



# AMERICAN WIND WEEK

August 11-17, 2019

## What is American Wind Week?

In celebration of wind power being the No. 1 source of U.S. renewable energy capacity, the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) hosts an annual "American Wind Week" to show how wind works for all Americans.

Wind energy is American energy, and it's becoming so widespread it takes a whole week to celebrate it. U.S. leadership in wind power continues to make us more prosperous, self-reliant and secure.

We encourage wind power businesses, supporters and government officials to gather for a week of events to bring attention to this American success story. Some champions in Congress will be honored with "Wind Champion Awards" from AWEA during this week.

**How to participate:** Celebrate American Wind Week however best suits you. Visit a wind farm like Senator Moran and Congressman Kildee (pictured here). Share what U.S. wind leadership means to you on social media using **#AmericanWindWeek**.

## U.S. wind leadership

- America is the birthplace of modern wind turbines, and American innovation continues to lead the industry.
- A standard 2 MW wind turbine in the U.S. generates enough electricity to power about 550 homes, nearly twice as productive as those in China and Germany.
- American workers put up 10 new wind turbines somewhere in the U.S. every day on average.



Senator Jerry Moran looks out atop a wind turbine in Kansas.

## U.S. wind jobs

- The wind industry employs over 114,000 men and women across all 50 states.
- Wind turbine technician and solar installer are the fastest growing jobs in America.
- Over 25,000 jobs in more than 500 American factories supply steel, electronics and advanced equipment needed to build and operate a modern wind turbine.
- The industry employs veterans at a rate 67 percent higher than the national average.

## Wind power in everyday life

- Wind power builds stronger rural communities, with over \$1 billion a year in lease payments to farmers and ranchers, and state and local tax revenue that pays to repave roads, pay teacher salaries, even build new schools.
- The U.S. now has enough installed wind capacity to power over 30 million homes.



Congressman Dan Kildee posts on Facebook a photo of his visit to a wind farm in Reese, Michigan.

#AmericanWindWeek

Contact: [windweek@awea.org](mailto:windweek@awea.org)

