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Large-scale data centers can have serious consequences when they are built on productive farmland or in areas where families have lived for generations. Farmland is a limited and essential resource that supports local food production, rural economies, and wildlife habitats. Converting it into massive industrial facilities reduces agricultural output and permanently alters the landscape. In some cases, residents are forced to sell or relocate, disrupting communities and uprooting people from their homes. While data infrastructure is important for modern technology, placing these facilities on valuable farmland or displacing families raises concerns about sustainability, food security, and the long-term well-being of rural communities.