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Clean Energy Puts the Squeeze on Natural Gas

... Year-to-date, the United States Natural Gas Fund ... , a [futures](#)-based product, is down 3.2%. [Natural gas](#) stocks are even worse offenders. The ... Natural Gas Index ... is down 6.2%.

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However, improved cost efficiencies have prompted some power providers to move away from abundant natural gas for other clean energy sources. Year-to-date, [clean energy](#) investments have outperformed their natural gas counterparts. The PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio ... and the ... are down an average of 1.8% year-to-date.

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What Investors Say

While alternative energy occupies an increasingly important part of the broader [energy](#) space, many investors have been reluctant to embrace it completely. The largest alternative energy ETF, ... , [has just \\$390 million](#) in assets under management as of April 13th. Comparatively, the largest traditional energy ETF, the Energy ... , has \$18.40 billion in assets.

Investor skittishness may be partly attributed to alternative energy stocks' relative size. Most stocks in this category are not large-caps. First Solar ..., the largest U.S. solar company, has a market capitalization of \$7.46 billion, putting it firmly in mid-cap territory.

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