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To whom it may concern:

I have lived on Ryer Island all my life and my father and relatives have been farming on Ryer Island for over 40 years. I have been farming with my relatives for 15 years and have been farming on my own for 7 years. During those years farming with my relatives, they had farmed this ground indicated on the first attached maps and had farmed ground that belongs to Lewis Nixon also indicated on the attached map. We also on the second attached map will show you another ranch that my family has framed for over 53 years.

On the first map this ground has been some prime Delta ground. It has produced Sugar Beets, Tomatoes, Wheat, Safflower, Corn, etc. This ground has been very fertile and high yielding, but since the flooding of Prospect, the ground, the production has been cut by 60 % to 75%, which basically makes the property none productive and cost the grower an exurbanite amount of money just to maintain wet ground year round. When Prospect has been dry this ground has been 100% farmable, when history has shown that when Prospect has flooded the 300 of farmable acres as indicated on the first map only 142 acres are possibly farmable depending on the amount seepage. Indicated on the map in blue you will find the acreage that is not farmable and indicated in green ground that may be farmable late spring which has cut option of which crops to plant.

On the second map the flooding of Lower Prospect has impacted this ground. This ground has grown the same crops as the first map and has produced good crop yields. Since the flooding of Lower Prospect this ground has maintained unusually high ground moisture to where it has left us with areas none farmable, due the amount of seepage. We have also had to enter into the fields later in the season, which has also impacted, or crop options and has cost us in maintenance and yields.

We have seen a great decline and negative impact in the farmable acreage since the flooding of Prospect and Lower Prospect. We constantly are working on improving the wildlife, but to impact our business and our lives is not what saving wildlife is all about.

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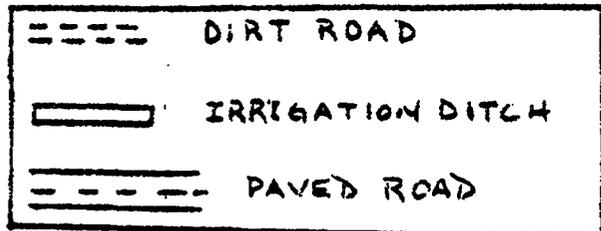
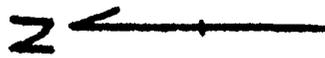
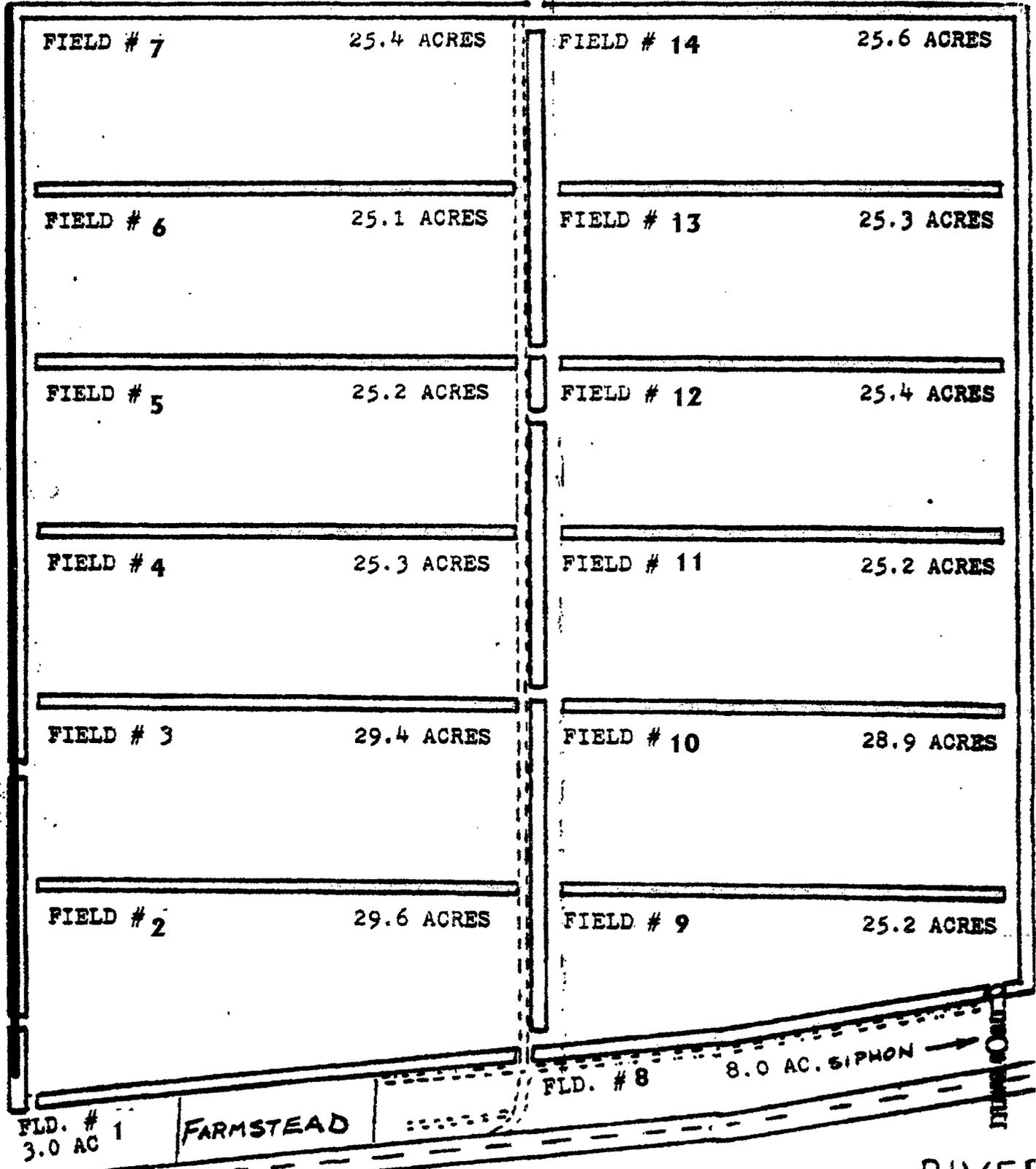
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