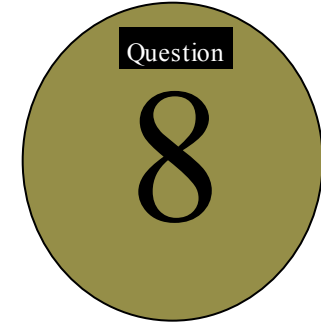




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HOW IS A NEW FARM DEVELOPED?

When an area of potential farm land is identified, negotiations are entered into with local government and tribal leaders. Tribal land cannot be sold, though it can be leased. The tribes constitute the "landlords" and guardians since land is considered one of the basic gifts of God.

After a very official ceremony and celebration, the land is leased to the Savannah Farmers Cooperative (SFC) for a period of ten years, renewable. When it is handed over it is looked upon as 'private property'.

machinery comes and goes from the compound, either to the fields, or to the Central SFC compound for storage or repair. Minor repairs will be done in each local SFC farm compound.

Since there are two rainy seasons, the harvesting from the main rains will take place in late August, and the preparing of the soil and planting for the next, shorter rainy season will take place simultaneously.

Local records including crops, tonnage, financial accounts and payrolls will be kept locally and duplicated in the records of the Central SFC compound. A generator will be available for each compound and used for a short period only as the sun sets, until about 10:00 pm. Each farm will have a computer for record keeping. Electric lights will also eventually be installed in the main buildings on each compound.



Bamboo Fence Around Compound – very secure

Some day you may see one of the farms yourself! You'll certainly hear more about them all.

"The Righteous considers the cause of the poor, but the wicked does not understand such knowledge."

Solomon - Proverbs 29:7

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Clearing Land!

The first stage in developing a farm is to simultaneously begin clearing 150 acres for the next rainy season, and build a compound for the farm headquarters consisting of any-

where from one to three acres. Though most of the land is hand-cleared, some is done by larger tractors. (See Above). It is generally surrounded by a secure bamboo fence with thorn bushes on the outside.

Each farm is expected to develop to about 2,000 acres. This of course will take time over several years, and eventually require larger machinery and harvesting equipment.



Hand clearing of land by ax

On each farm headquarters compound there are several storage facilities for temporary use after harvest. These are generally steel lockable containers which were used to send the equipment and other goods from Canada to Sudan. One container is used for storage of fuel, essential tools, a generator and other basic needs of any farm. A shed for the protection of equipment from the weather is essential because of the fierceness of the sun, and the torrential rains in both rainy seasons.

The farm manager lives in a house built outside the farm compound, but constructed by SFC. Several guest houses are built inside the compound and are

reserved for either volunteer farmers or official visitors to the farm. The guest houses will be equipped with western type beds, and furniture including a kerosene refrigerator and a propane stove. A well equipped kitchen will be set apart from the guest houses, and will serve guests western type meals as well as the very excellent local foods and fruits.

A vegetable garden will be maintained on a year round basis to provide fresh produce for the table within the compound. Local produce will be bought when visitors are on site as well.



Common Room Under Construction

There will be a 'common room' which will serve as a dining room, meeting room and training facility on each farm compound. Sheltered parking will be available for visiting official guests. (Usually a grass-roofed shed)

The gates of the compound will be guarded at all time, and no unauthorized people or animals will be allowed inside. (Goats, for instance can ruin a vegetable garden in minutes.) Pens for chickens, ducks and turkeys will be placed outside the compound.

Western style sanitary facilities will be installed on each compound, together with shower stalls. Local men and women will be hired to care for the compound as casual labourers. This can and will include cooks when they are trained in cooking western meals.

Inventories of all equipment, large and small will be kept for each compound, including records of when

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