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A scenic landscape view shows panted Balinese rice terraces with a thatched roof and red flowers in the foreground. The terraces visible here are narrow and long, stepping gradually up the side of what was a natural hillside many centuries ago. Balinese wet-rice agriculture depends upon gravity-fed irrigation that delivers water down the slopes to every field in succession throughout the year. The Balinese harvest about three tons of rice per acre per crop, and average at least two crops a year from every field.



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