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A Balinese farmer herds a large flock of ducks into maturing rice fields at dawn. Two thatched roof buildings are visible in the background. Ducks are an important aspect in the ecology of Bali's wet-rice agriculture. Ducks are herded into fields well prior to harvest so that they will eat algae and insect pests, as well as fertilize the fields with their droppings. They later are kept away from ripening fields so that they do not eat the rice itself.



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