

Ochopee Florida.  
March 25th 1934.

Mr. Mr. Nils. A. Olsen, Chief of Bureau,  
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In filling out the enclosed Form C.E..2-4084--N & S.I  
feel that an explanation is necessary.

This section--South Collier County- is no doubt Florida's  
largest and best tomato growing section; while some of the largest  
farmers own their lands the crops generally are planted on leased  
or rented lands as the growers desire new lands each year if possible  
for tomatoes; the average rental price is ten dollars (\$10.00 ) per  
acre per year, usually the land is used three years to tomatoes and  
it is then in excellent condition for beans, eggplant, pepper, potatoes  
and other crops which require old lands.

Really the best use to put this land to after it has been used  
a few years for vegetable planting id sugar cane and the production  
of commercial sugar, as the lands then are both water controlled and  
more or less roaded, thus cutting down to a minimum the cost of plant-  
ing the sugar cane; sugar cane will ratoon here for seven or more  
years, the lowest possible estimate would be thirty tons of cane to the  
acre over a seven year period (without fertilization ) with fertili-  
zation the yield would be largely increased; sugar cane will produce  
two hundred or more pounds of sugar to the ton, or upward of six thous-  
and pounds of sugar to the acre; the lands are clayey limestone marl  
lands (not muck), they are naturally drained, fall of an average of one  
foot to the mile---maximum elevation thirty seven feet at Immokalee.

I have endeavored through Senator Fletcher to get Government  
interested in this area as it will furnish more homes to Americans  
and more work to the un-employed than any like area in America and  
would not compete with Sugar grown in the United States

Certainly wish you could send a special investigator down here  
think you would be agreeably suprised at just what can be done; I will  
take pleasure in aiding such investigator with valuable data and  
firts hand information.

Can I hope that you will go into this matter, ?.

Very truly yours,

J.F.Jaudon.