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Terraced rice fields cascade down the mountains around a group of houses in the village of Lumle in the Kaski district of Nepal. Bushes of soybean crops grow at the edges of the terraces. White clouds — it's monsoon time-- hover on the horizon.

Terraces are perhaps the most important part of mountain agriculture in Nepal. Through the hard work of many generations, harsh, rugged mountain slopes are hewn into terraced fields.



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