

# VETIVER HEDGES AS WATER DIVERSION BARRIERS

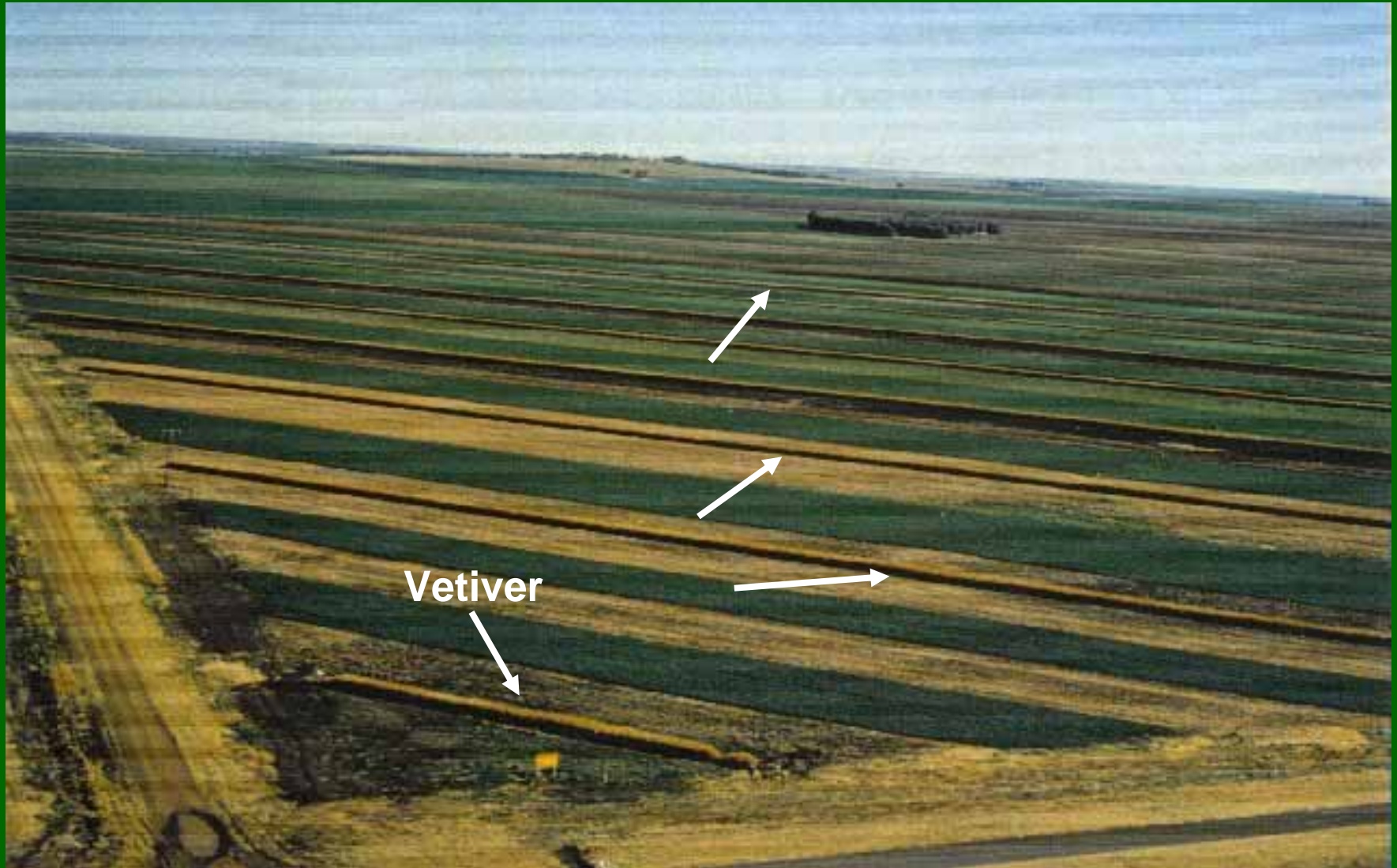
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## Vetiver hedges for flood erosion control in strip cropping on the flood plain (<1% slope) in Queensland, Australia



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## A mature hedge protecting the crops



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**In principle, the hedge acts as a level bank, spreading concentrated flow and slowing down flood water and traps sediment.**



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The hedges spread, slow down flood water and reduce erosion. When built on a gradient between 1-5% it can be used as a diversion barrier



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## Trapping eroded sediment.



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**In a flume test a  
mature hedge can  
retain up to 40-45cm  
of water**



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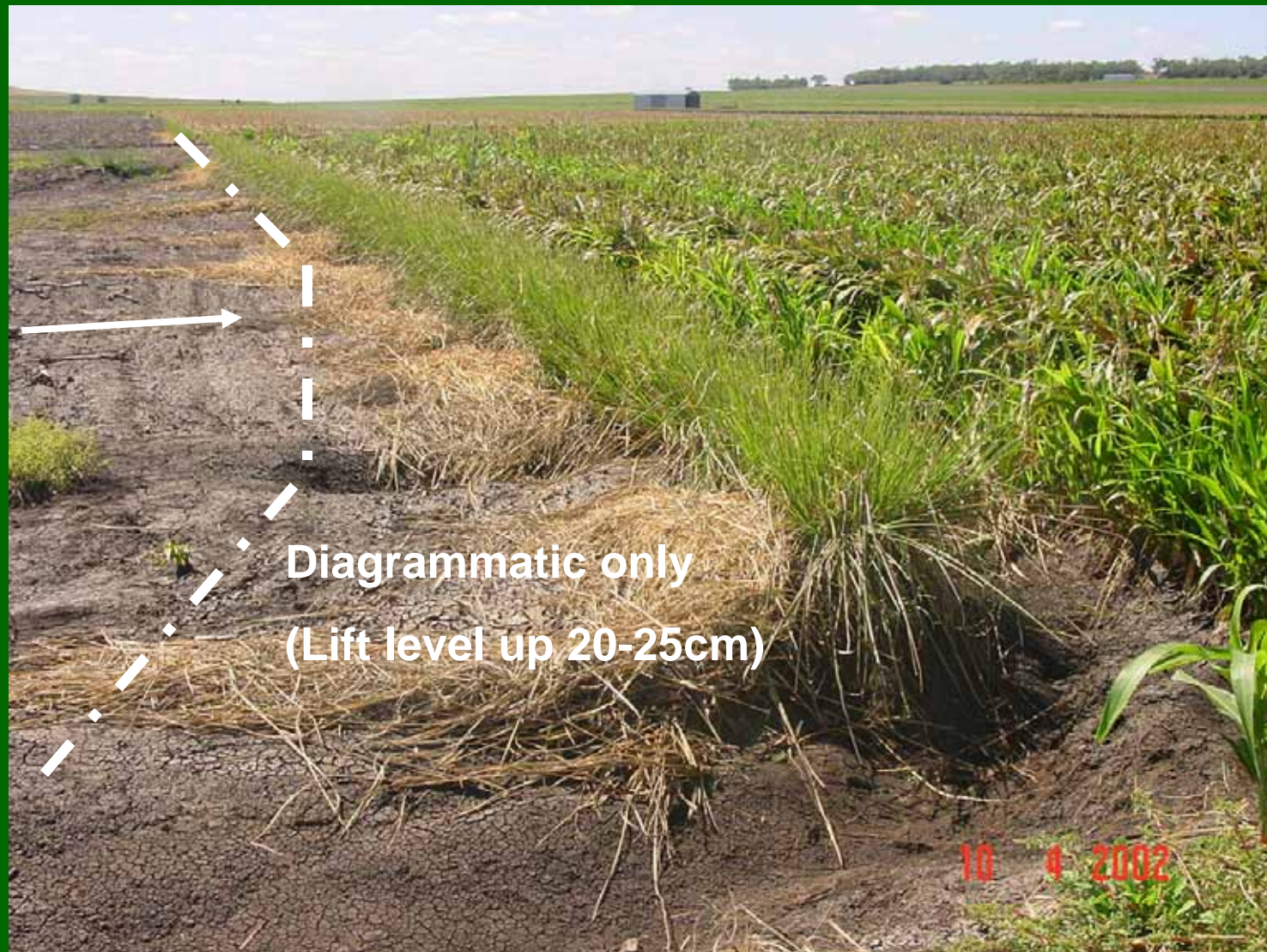


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**Diversion barrier for water conservation on a steep slope with short check rows to reduce flow velocity**



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## One year after planting with short check rows



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Check row

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**Suggestion:** Straighten the row out as in terrace layout , using average gradient, do not worry about the dips, and plant check rows (VI 1m) to reduce excessive flow velocity



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