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The cover photo shows a typical scene of cabbage production in Malaysia's Cameron Highland—the subject of the case study reported on pp. 175-184. Cabbage beds are commonly terraced, often on more steeply sloping hillsides than in this photo. Much of Malaysia's cabbage is grown with sprinkler irrigation under low pressure. Toward the left rear of the photo are sheds used for storing fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, and other cultivation supplies. Photo provided by the Malaysian Agricultural University research team.