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The attached RENTAL AGREEMENT between HARRIET VANCE, Trustee of Thousand Hills Trust as Landlord, and JIM BLUNT, as Tenant, for the use of cropland during the 1997 and 1998 crop seasons, pertains to property owned solely by Thousand Hills Trust and located at 15858 Brick School Rd., Pecatonica, County of Winnebago, State of Illinois;

Bearing property code 441-501

and described, to wit:

North One-half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) and the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) and the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4), excepting the North 349.9 feet of the South 599.9 feet of the West 146 feet of said Southwest Quarter and also excepting the South 250 feet of the West 250 feet of said Southwest Quarter; and also the East 49 rods of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4), all in Section Nine (9), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Ten (10) East of the Fourth P. M.

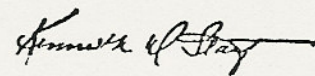
Dated: September 15, 1998

Harriet P. Vance, Trustee
Harriet P. Vance, Trustee

Prepared by;
Return to:

Harriet P. Vance, Trustee
15858 Brick School Rd.
Pecatonica, IL 61063

Exhibit D



R E N T A L A G R E E M E N T

AGREEMENT IS HEREIN ENTERED INTO this 15th day of April, 1997, between HARRIET VANCE, trustee (hereinafter LANDLORD), and Jim Blunt (hereinafter TENANT), creating tenancy, between LANDLORD and TENANT, on sixty nine (69) acres owned by Thousand Hills Trust at 15858 Brick School Rd.; Pecatonica, IL., County of Winnebago, State of Illinois, for crop year 1997, as follows:

- A. Field of 13 acres along Brick School Rd. and West of the building site;
 - B. Field of 26 acres along the East side of Pecatonica Rd. between Brick School Rd. and Green Rd.;
 - C. Field of 18 acres North of woods;
 - D. Field of 13 acres on the North side of Green Rd. East of woods.
1. TENANT agrees to pay to LANDLORD the sum of \$100.00 per acre for the use of said lands for said crop year.
 2. TENANT agrees to pay to LANDLORD the sum of \$6900.00 as follows:
 - A. The sum of \$2300.00 at the signing of this instrument;
 - B. The sum of \$4600.00 on or before November 1, 1996.
 3. TENANT agrees to plant corn and soybeans on said acres.
 4. TENANT agrees to preserve waterways and grass areas.
 5. TENANT agrees to apply, as a minimum, a maintenance level of fertilizer.
 6. TENANT agrees to leave an adequate amount of said crop unharvested until the final payment of \$4600.00 is paid in full.
 7. TENANT and LANDLORD agree that neither party will grant permission to any person to hunt on the premises covered by this agreement.
 8. TENANT agrees to repair damages to any fences for which he is responsible.
 9. TENANT agrees to farm the subject premises on contour lines as much as is practical.
 10. LANDLORD retains any and all legal and equitable remedies for any breach of the agreements contained and entered into herein

Ken Staaf

by TENANT.

11. In acknowledgment and acceptance of the agreement set forth herein, the parties set their hands and seals on this the 15th day of April, 1997.

Jin Blunt
Jin Blunt (TENANT)

Harriet Vance
Harriet Vance (LANDLORD)

8920 Farm School Rd.
Rock City, IL 61070
815 865-5502

15858 Brick School Rd.
Pecatonica, IL 61063
815 239-2395

The undersigned, as LANDLORD, or one acting on her behalf, hereby acknowledges receipt of the first installment of \$2300.00 as agreed to herein in the form of Check No. 6243 drawn on

Bank 1 Bank.

Executed on: April 15, 1997

Harriet Vance

The undersigned, as LANDLORD, or one acting on her behalf, hereby acknowledges receipt of the second installment of \$4600.00 as agreed to herein in the form of Check No. 4100 drawn on

State Bank of Davis Bank.

Executed on: 11-18, 1997

Harriet Vance

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*Jin Blunt
Harriet Vance*