Many people, including faculty, administration, and students, have become interested in using some of the more than 600 adjacent tillable acres which Earlham owns for educational as well as economic gain. Although the college no longer uses food directly from its own farm, it does receive a substantial $30-40,000 share of the profits each year, a fact which any proposal for alternative use of the land must take into consideration. In the early part of this century, the college contracted with Hydraulic Farm Management, Inc., a company that over the years has served as the current tenants, Mr. Austerman and his son.

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