

# Farm Innovations Coloring

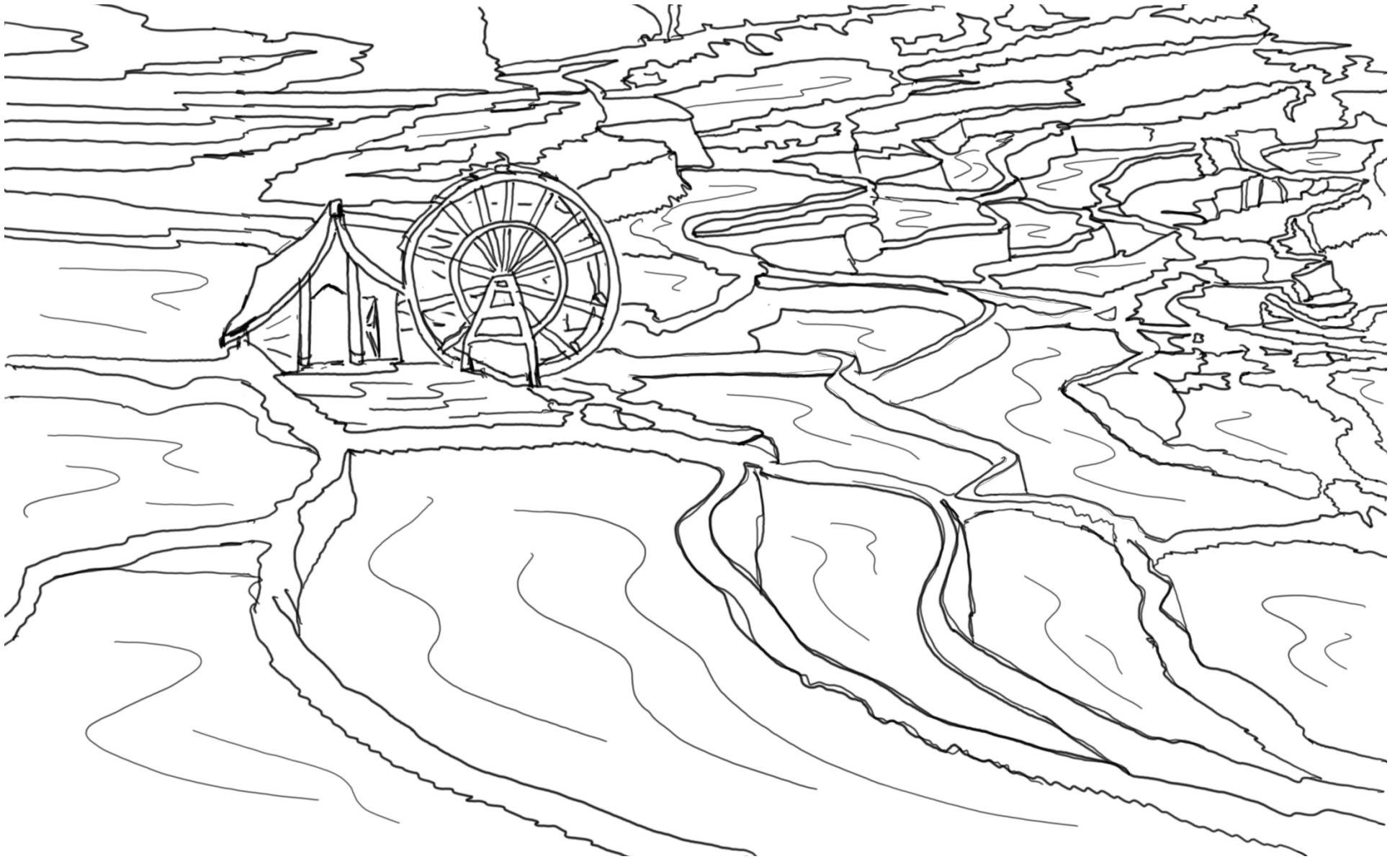
Creative thinking about farms have made for some unique ways of farming throughout history. Color the scenes on the following pages that each show an innovative farming method.



## *Extender Activity:*

What do you think it was like to work on these farms? Tell a story about each of the farms, and about the life of the farmers that worked on them.





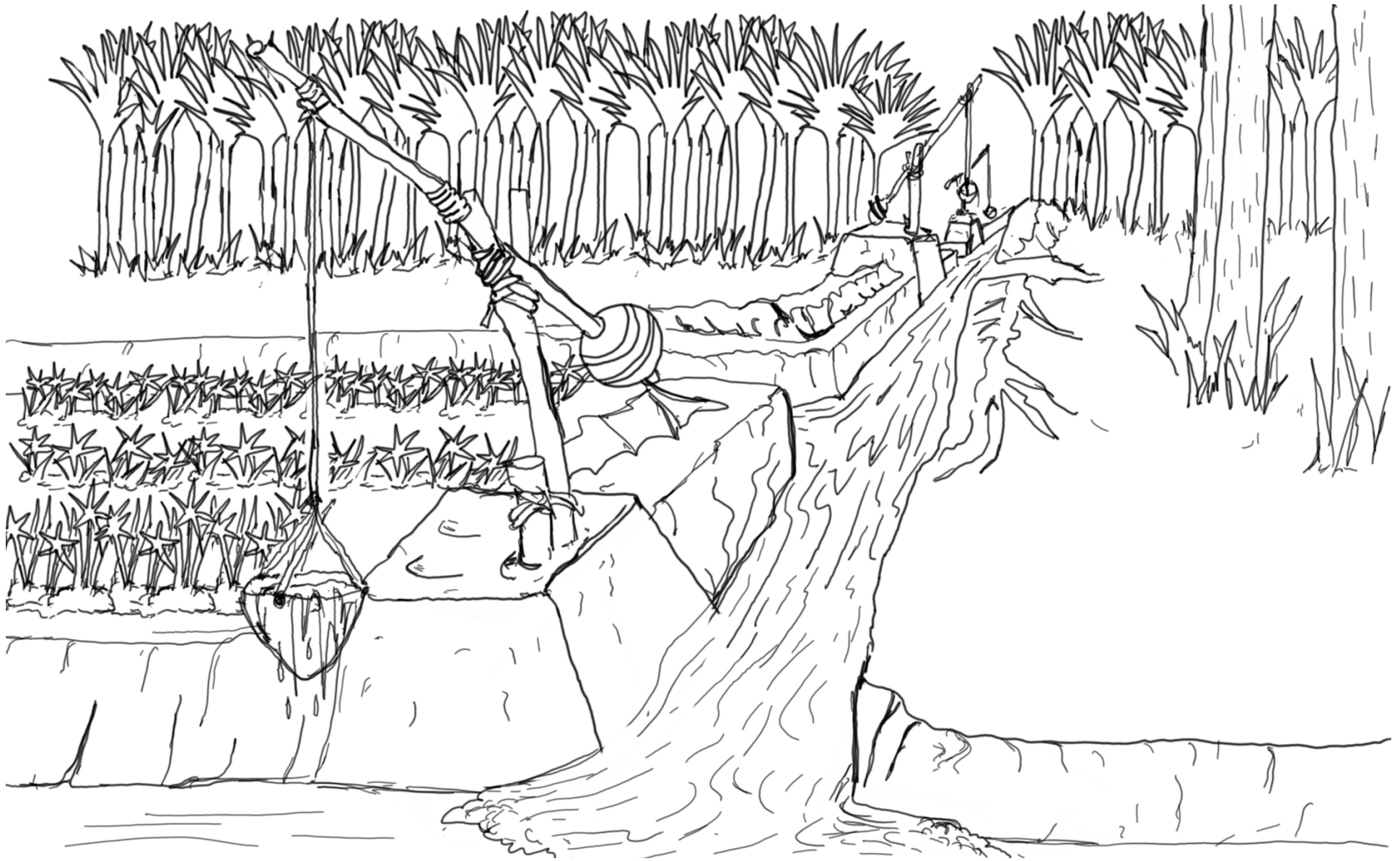
Rice farms in China began flooding their fields to control weeds and pests. This innovation greatly increased rice production! Water wheels were used to process rice.



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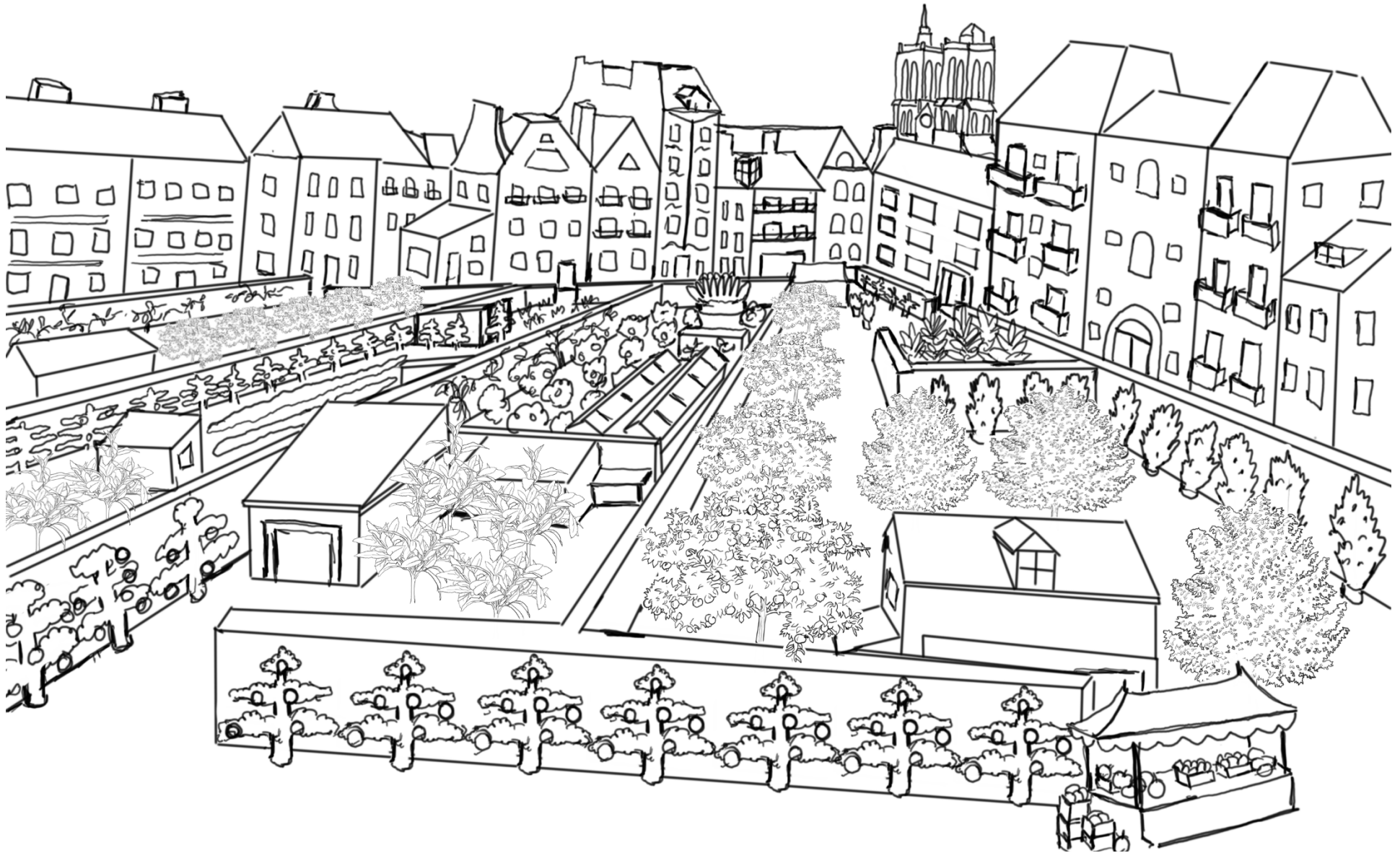
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Egypt dug canals to bring water from the Nile River to their farms. The canals could be closed or opened to fill them with water. Water was lifted from the canals and onto croplands using a device called a *shaduf*.





Cities in France grew fruit trees in walled gardens. The walls soaked up the sun's heat during the day and released it at night, keeping the gardens warm enough to grow figs, oranges, and lemons!



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In Mexico, *chinampas* were island gardens that could only be accessed by boat. These gardens were made from rich soil and organic material dug from the bottom of lakes.

