LESS DEFORESTATION
MORE AGROFORESTRY

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This year, we must get a lot of yield from this farmland. We'll, double what we got last year. Lots of corn, beans and yams!

From this small piece of land?

This field is not small. Once we weed this place and cut down these big trees, we will have a lot of space to work on.
Do not cut down these trees. How about we work around them instead?

No. Their large trunks and long roots are taking up way too much space. Plus, we need firewood.
Much better! The stumps and roots may be problematic during tilling. I should dig them out as well.
Now that those trees are gone, look at how much space we have.

Hmm....

 Enough talk. Let's work.
I am so tired and sweaty. Also, it's soooooo hot....

Stop whining. Keep on working.

You know, if you didn't chop down the trees, we could be resting under tree canopies, shaded against the sunlight.

You'll get shade when we go home. Once we are finished, of course.
Because it has not rained yet, I water my crops. How come they have not yet begun germinating?

Not enough water. With no vegetation, the top soil is directly exposed to the sun rays and the little water which you pour on a daily basis evaporates fast.

Forget trees! Once it rains, there will be more than enough water in the soil.
Soil erosion. The heavy rains eroded the soil. With no trees or vegetation, there was nothing to hold the soil in place, so it was easily washed away.

You were right. I should not have cut down the trees. I should have worked around them. Now, it's too late.

No, it's never too late. We can always plant more trees.
Very nice, right?
Yes. Indeed.