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letter from Ray Fujii

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Hi Kevin,

Ray just got this back to me last night, as you can imagine this is his busiest time of year. Ray Fujii leases the Baker land for his farming operation and has done so for decades. His Father and Grandfather both went to school here at the Cedar School. When I first moved here some 20 years ago there were some razzberries planted on the north side of the school. They took those out closely thereafter. Ray says that the ground on the north side of the school has to much clay in it to reap a quality crop, which I can attest too given I had dug all my flower beds in by hand and the ground on that side is a bear to work with. Ray did experiment with a type of "California strawberry" at the east side of the property for a couple of years about 10 years ago but ripped them out because he said Oregonian buyers did not like the California berries compared to Oregon berries. I thought that was funny. Since then we have basically been surrounded by cover crops as Ray has stated in his letter. They have been planting the berries that they are harvesting in the very South East corner of the Baker plot.

Hopefully this gives you the information that you were looking for. Please do let me know if you have any additional questions.

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To whom it may concern,

I farm the Baker property, (36 acres) South East side of the Troutdale road and Strebin road. It also surrounds the old Cedar School, along Troutdale road. My family has farmed the property for decades. The past few years we have had a cover crop to protect the soil from erosion and to put back some nutrients into the soil. We do not harvest the Step Toe Barley that has been planted there.

Sincerely,

Ray Fujii

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