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To: ["Bennett, Jerry M"](#)
Subject: RE: Tillman evaluation packet
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 7:25:00 PM
Attachments: [08-19-09 Bennett UFLA.pdf](#)

Jerry:

Please find attached my evaluation of Dr. Tillman's P and T package. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I will assume an electronic version is acceptable; if you need a mailed version please let me know.

With regard to [REDACTED] in Florida, there are a lot of optimists and a few realists. And it doesn't take very long to sort the ones that have a chance from those that don't. And don't even get me started on the yields they use to justify their investment opportunities.

But anyway, best regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Jerry M [mailto:jmbt@ufl.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2009 6:47 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: Tillman evaluation packet

Bill,

Thanks for letting me know and that will be fine. We have a little time built into the deadline I gave, so if you can return a letter of evaluation by the end of next week that will be just fine.

I hope things at TAMU are going well. There is surely a lot of interest in [REDACTED] here in FL, with some big plans for large acreages on the horizon. I'm a bit pessimistic as to how those plans will turn out on our very sandy soils, with the needs for N and water, and the insect/disease pressures we face in this humid environment. I am afraid folks haven't thought through the limitations very well. And, some of the yields they throw around are well beyond reason. It will be interesting to see.

Take care and, again, thank you for your help with the letter of evaluation.

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From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
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To: Bennett, Jerry M
Subject: Tillman evaluation packet

Jerry:

I apologize for not having an evaluation letter back to you on Dr. Tillman's P and T package, but evidently it got misplaced in our campus mail until this Monday. I'll be reviewing the packet this week and I hope to have a letter to you later this week.

regards,

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Dear Drs. Bennett and Comerford:

I have reviewed the promotion and tenure packet of Dr. Barry Tillman and I am happy to provide you with a written evaluation of the packet. I realize the tenure and promotion process is critical to the success of academic departments and I hope that this review is of value to your committee and its activities.

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research component. In addition, he exceeding expectations relative to the size of his teaching appointment and
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Regards,



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