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Gentlemen:

As some of you know I was sick last week and, as a result, I forgot about this proposal. It was due yesterday. I sent it in this morning, hoping Dr. Dahlberg will accept it. As per my discussion with the Sorghum Board, earlier this summer, I modified the proposal to indicate that we would use sorghums developed for bioenergy as our test sorghum silages. I did not indicate a specific line or type; therefore, Dr. Rooney can select the types of greatest interest to him. Additionally, I indicated that we would use growing calves rather than Holstein heifers. I did this for two reasons. First, we can still use Holstein heifers using this wording provided we find a willing source, again. Secondly, it is easier for us to source growing calves than Holstein heifers because of our location and because the System owns a number of beef cows with calves. I do not think this changes the value of the data or our ability to apply the results to growing Holstein heifers. I apologize for making these decisions without contacting you and I will work harder to stay on top of deadlines that involve this group. In the near future, I will bring around an AG-105 Document for you to sign. I have attached a copy of the proposal, if there are any mistakes I would rather not know because I cannot fix them.

Best regards and Gig'em,

Tryon































