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Hello there, Dr. Bill Rooney!

My name is Jacob Lindley and I am a student here at Purdue University. I spoke with a gentleman named Morris Bitzer, on 11-08-09, wondering about the different types on grain strains that might be better for popping. He pointed me in your direction.

I am very interested in the popping nature of sorghum and its ever growing popularity. Mr. Rooney, I dream of being an entrepreneur and I am using this idea for the Burton D Morgan Business Plan Competition. I have already done some experiments with some white sorghum that I obtained from Twin Valley Mills in Nebraska. Unfortunately I am not getting a high enough percent yield, meaning I cant get enough of the seeds to pop.

I am wondering if you would be able to help me out in discovering the best sorghum grain type for popping. I am thinking that the moisture content is a huge factor, along with shell thickness. I also know that they prepare popped sorghum as a custom in Ethiopia, and that the Milo variety originated from east Africa.

If you have any insights, I would be more than thrilled to hear from you. Thank you for your time.

sincerely,
Jacob Lindley