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Dear Mr. Griffith,

On behalf of the entire 2006-2007 Agriscience Leadership team, I would like to convey the appreciation and gratitude for the unselfish and interesting tour you and your staff showed our group. It was indeed a very interesting, awakening and informative tour that is definitely considered as part of the future of Agriculture Plant Industry. Your dedication and efforts are obvious in the structures and planning of the business from start to finish.

I was aware of the nursery business practices, but not at the level your firm recognizes their practices. The entire group was amazed at the volume of plants and the size of your particular business outreach. It is fantastic that you were able to build and maintain the cliental and their appreciation for the product you provide. We were impressed with your staff and the diligence they exhibited as they performed their duties. I was impressed and applaud you for the care and respect that is paid to the workers at your facility. I have referred to the tour in my classroom several times and the students are amazed when I tell them of the volume, varieties, shipment destinations and care given to each individual plant. They become more interested when we begin the math portion to determine income-cost. Hopefully, the interest will carry over to adulthood and they too will be involved in the horticulture industry at some level.

Thank You again for the valuable information and expertise that was recognized by our group. I would also like to suggest that you be an annual stop for the tour. It is important for the Leadership groups to experience the modern avenues of today's Agriculture. Your business certainly exemplifies the potential of a specialty area.

Thanks,

Calvin Mills

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