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To the Student: Please complete the first two lines before giving the form to your evaluator.

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Major field of study as it appears
 on your application for admission _____

Under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are entitled to review their records, including letters of recommendation. It is your option to waive your right to review these recommendations or to decline to do so. Please mark the appropriate box below and sign your name.

- I waive my right to review this recommendation.
 I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

To the Evaluator: Please complete the remainder of this form and send it to the Chairman, Department of Agribusiness Economics (address on back).

Length of time that you have known the applicant (Years) _____

When? _____

In what way did you know the applicant (teacher, advisor, member of thesis committee, thesis director)?
 If teacher, please list the courses.

If you were the director or a member of the thesis committee, please comment on the creativity demonstrated. Also, please evaluate the work (publishable, etc.).

On the rating system below, please rate the applicant in the following manner: 0-insufficient knowledge for a fair rating; 1-below average; 2-average; 3-above average; 4-outstanding.

GENERAL	0	1	2	3	4
1. knowledge of course material					
2. intellectual curiosity					
3. self-esteem, pride in work					
4. vigor, initiative, industry					
5. dependability					
6. imagination or insight					
7. emotional control, social maturity					
8. general all-around ability					

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ABILITY	0	1	2	3	4
1. ability to read, evaluate literature in his/her field					
2. ability to organize time to meet study, research, other creative activities					
3. ability to pursue research or creative activity effectively and without close supervision					
4. memory for data, concepts, and authors					
5. capacity for clear oral expression					
6. capacity for clear written expression					

What is your evaluation of the applicant's past academic achievement, his/her present motivation, and his/her future potential in the chosen field of graduate study and professional work?

Please add any other comments which you think might be relevant in evaluating the applicant for admission to graduate studies and for financial support of those studies.

Rank the student with others you have known in the past five years:

Lower 50%	50-70%	70-80%	85-95%	Upper 5%

Position _____ Signature _____

Institution _____ Name _____
(Please print or type)

City _____ Date _____

Please return this recommendation to:

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