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Christopher B. Thomas
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Here are several reasons I would make an exceptional Regional Extension Service Agent for job number 411480. First, I am extremely self motivated. Second, I have a proven track record of working well in team oriented situations. Third, I have an extremely diversified farming background. Finally, I am young, energetic, and love to interact with other people.

While working towards a degree from Auburn I have covered almost all of my own expenses. Also while at Auburn, I have taken many courses that will be beneficial towards a job with ACES. Two courses that really stand out are Farm Management and Agribusiness management. Both of these courses included a team project and required a great deal of use with computer programs such as Word and EXCEL. I have also taken several courses in Agricultural Leadership. During high school I served as Vice President and President of the Student Government Association. I was also chosen as a permanent team captain by my teammates in football and baseball. Also during high school I was chosen to a county wide leadership group called Hale BOPP (builders of positive partnerships).

I grew up on a fairly progressive cattle operation where I first fell in love with farming. I am extremely interested in all aspects of the cattle industry from proper pasture management to herd health management programs. This past summer I had the opportunity to work for Hollinger Cattle Co. During my internship I not only worked with stocker cattle, but also interacted with producers, extension agents, and several professors from Auburn. While working for Dillard

Farms I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about horse quality hay while helping them with their hay operation. I also enjoyed my time working in the family feed store which allowed me to work with the public. I have been employed by Auburn two times, once with the Agronomy and Soils Dept. and once with the Fisheries Dept. While working for the agronomy and soils department I helped with research projects that focused on cotton, soybeans, and velvet beans. While at the fisheries department I worked on the student crew helping professors with research projects. I also took part in all aspects of raising fish such as feeding, taking water samples, harvesting, and running oxygen checks at night. While working for Glover Farms I helped with all of the daily aspects of the cattle operation, hay operation, and wildlife management. While there I learned a great deal about pasture, hay land, and wildlife food plot management.

Last, I am a people person. I have a strong desire for all agriculture. There is nothing that would please me more than to work closely with farmers and other extension agents to better agriculture. If given the opportunity to work for the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service I would be a wonderful agent and representative of the organization.

Chi Thomas

CHRISTOPHER B. THOMAS

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OBJECTIVE

A career as a regional extension service agent

EDUCATION

Auburn University; Auburn, AL

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business & Economics; December 2007

EXPERIENCE (earned 75% of all college expenses)

Auburn University Auburn, AL September 2001-May 2002

Agronomy and Soils Department

- Worked with soybean, cotton, and velvet bean research

Glover Farms Inc. Greensboro, AL May 2002- August 2004

Assistant Manager of Cattle Operations

- Helped with daily activities associated with pre-conditioning of 2,500 stocker calves per year
- Helped with daily activities associated with 225 head of brood cows
- Helped with hay operations during summer months
- Helped with all aspects of wildlife management program

Auburn University Auburn, AL May 2005- August 2005

Student Crew Member North Auburn Fisheries Unit

- Assisted professors with their aquacultural research projects
- Daily duties associated with raising fish
- Performed oxygen checks at night

Dillard Farms LLC. Tallasee, AL August 2005- December 2006

General Farm Hand

- Helped with hay operations during summer months
- Worked in the family feed store where duties included taking inventory, helping customers, and operating machinery

Hollinger Cattle Company Camden, AL May 2007- August 2007

Summer Internship

- Responsible for the health aspect of preconditioning 2,100 head of stocker cattle
- Responsible for meeting with customers and extension employees when necessary
- Helped supervise three other employees



Your Experts for Life

Applicant Data Form

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is an equal opportunity employer and all applicants will be considered without discrimination for any non merit reasons such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age or membership or non membership in an employee organization.

PRINT OR TYPE IN BLOCK INK

NAME: Last Thomson	First Christopher	Middle B
Address 1617 Lee Rd. Rt. 12 Rt 370 Auburn, AL 36832	City Auburn	State AL
Zip Code 36832	Daytime Phone # (256) 317-3222	Type of Employment Desired (May check more than one) <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time (less than 40 hours)
Social Security # 923-13-6738	Minimum Salary Required 32.00	Date Available 12-18-07
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Technical <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Other Names Previously Used Under Which Records May Be Located		

EDUCATION

High School Southwestern Academy	Grade 8 9 10 11(12)GED	Circle Year Completed	Name of School
Voc School			
College Auburn University		Dec. 2007	Major Business & Economics
Grad School			
Grad School			
Grad School			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY START WITH MOST RECENT. YOU MAY ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET OR RESUME IF YOU PREFER. HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION

Employment Dates (From (Mo/Yr) To (Mo/Yr))	Hours Per Week	Name of (Organization)	(Organization Address)	Position Held	Immediate Supervisor	Salary	Reason for Leaving
May/2007 - August/2007	60	Hollinger Little Co.	1401 Hwy 41 S Gordo, AL	Interpreter	Lco Hollinger, Jr.	\$700/wk	Finished school
August/2005 - Dec/2005	30-60	Dillard Farms LLC	1101 Hwy 19 Tallapoosa, AL	Form handler	M. Neal Dillard	\$9/hr.	Company shut
May/2005 - August/2005	40	Auburn University	203 B Sample Hall Auburn, AL	Student Center	Ronald Goodman	\$7.50/hr.	Bother Job
May/2002 - August/2002	30-80	Glover Farms	PO Box 507 Greenville, AL	Asst. Manager	Keith Glover	\$8/hr.	Finished school
Sept/2001	20-30	Auburn University	202 Furber Hall Auburn, AL	Student Labor	Janet Boyce	\$7/hr.	Moved Home

BRIEFLY LIST: MAJOR DUTIES OR POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD AND FURTHER DETAILS OF QUALIFICATIONS

U.S. MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Branch of Service	Date of Service From	To	Rank
Describe Any Training Received That You Feel Is Relevant:			

OTHER INFORMATION AND SKILLS

Licenses	Driver's License Number and State	Multi-Line Telephone	Dictaphone
Certifications	6869763 Alabama	yes	
Typing <i>yes</i> WPM 35	Shorthand <i>no</i> WPM	Word Processing Software	
Other Office Equipment		yes	
Other		Laboratory Equipment	yes

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (felony or misdemeanor including DUI) other than routine traffic citations? yes (no)
 If yes, give details. (Note: a criminal record is not necessarily a bar to employment. Each applicant is considered on an individual basis):

Names of relatives employed by The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University or Alabama A&M University:

Have you ever been discharged or forced to resign from employment? (YES) NO If yes, give name of employer(s) and reason(s):
Dillard Farms LLC, The drought caused them to cut back their operations.

Have you been previously employed by The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University or Alabama A&M University: (YES) NO
 If yes, list dates of employment: Title Department/unit Other name(s) under which you worked
Student laborer Agronomy & Soils/Fisheries

Are you prevented from lawfully becoming employed in this country because of Visa or immigration status? yes (no)
 Proof of citizenship or immigration status will be required upon employment.

Applicant's Agreement:

I hereby state that the information given by me on this form and in any interview is certified to be true and complete. I understand that this information is subject to verification, and that if this information is later found to be untrue, incomplete or misrepresented in any way, this will be cause for rejection of my application or, if already employed, for immediate dismissal. I also understand that the Alabama Cooperative Extension System may investigate my driving record and my criminal record and that an investigative consumer report may be prepared whereby information is obtained through personal interviews with my neighbors, friends, and others with whom I am acquainted. This inquiry includes information as to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. I understand that I have the right to make a written request within a reasonable period of time to receive additional detailed information about the nature and scope of this investigation. I understand that the Alabama Cooperative Extension System reserves the right to require me to submit to a medical examination, including a drug/alcohol test, prior to employment and at any time during employment to the extent permitted by law.

I understand that this application will be given every consideration, but it is not a promise of employment. I further understand that if I am hired, my employment will be for no definite period, regardless of the period of payment of my wages. I understand that I have the right to terminate my employment at any time, with or without notice, and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System has the same right. No one other than the Director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System has the authority to modify this relationship or to make any agreement to the contrary. Any such modification or agreement must be in writing.

I acknowledge that I have received and understand written instructions regarding the application procedures for employment with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Applicant's Release

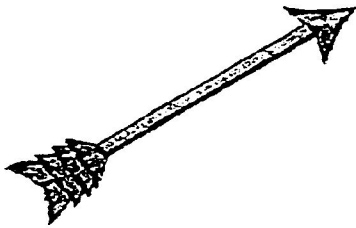
I hereby authorize any prior employers to provide such information concerning my employment with them as may be requested, and also authorize the Registrar's or Placement Office of all educational institutions attended to release an official copy of my transcript if requested. In addition, I authorize any law enforcement jurisdiction to release any information requested regarding my background to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Selective Service Certification:

I certify that I comply with the provisions of the United States Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. app. 453) by having registered with the Selective Service Board or that I am not required by law to register.

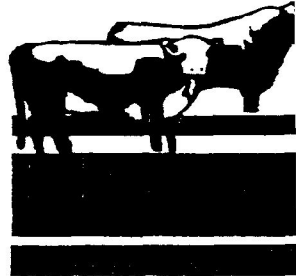
APPLICANT SIGNATURE Chris Thomas

DATE 8/22/07



Hollinger Cattle Company

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Camden, Alabama 36726



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Leo Hollinger, Jr

L. Bryant Hollinger, III

August 22, 2007

Ms. Chris McLendon
Human Resources Specialist
105 Duncan Hall
Auburn University, Alabama 36849

Dear Ms. McLendon,

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Chris Thomas, who has applied for a Regional Extension Agent position in Animal Sciences and Forages. There are few times when you feel that you can recommend a person without any doubts or reservations, but we are proud to say that this is one of those rare times.

Chris Thomas worked with us this past summer as an intern. He was hands down the best employee we have ever had at Hollinger Cattle Company. Chris loves cattle and everything that goes with the business. He is very knowledgeable in the area and at the same time very eager to learn.

Besides loving the cattle business, Chris also loves people. His personality is perfect for this position. After only a few weeks on the job, Chris was given supervisory responsibility over two other farm workers. He was able to work with the lowest man as well as many prominent cattle producers equally.

If Mr. Thomas is the successful applicant for this position, we can assure you that he will be a loyal, responsible, punctual and reliable employee. He certainly was this and more for us.

While at our farm this summer, Chris had the opportunity on several occasions to work with Regional Extension Agents from this area as well as other parts of the state. This gave him a special insight into what this job is all about. These experiences have convinced him that this is the type work he would love to devote his career to.

Please give Chris Thomas your serious consideration for this position.

Sincerely,

Leo and Jeannie Hollinger
Leo and Jeannie Hollinger

August 22, 2007

Dr. Paul Mask
Assistant Director, Agriculture & Natural Resource
109D Duncan Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849

Dear Dr. Mask,

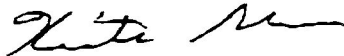
I would like to recommend Chris Thomas for the position of Regional Extension Agent in West Central Alabama. I have known Chris all of his life. He is a very hard working and conscientious individual. He has lived and worked on a farm the majority of his life even during the time that he has been in school at Auburn University.

Chris has worked for me on weekends and during the summer since he was thirteen years old. He has a first hand working knowledge of the stocker cattle industry, working with a commercial cow-calf operation and planting and harvesting forages. Chris has helped build cattle working facilities and hay barns. He has hands on experience in working and feeding cattle. He will have a real understanding of the economics of agriculture since his major is Agriculture Economics.

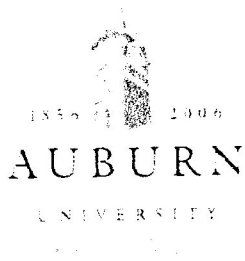
Chris is an outgoing, personable young man. He works well with others both young and old. He is always willing to listen to other people's views. He understands that what will work for one person doesn't always work for someone else. He is willing to learn and try new things.

I believe that Chris would be a real asset to the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service.

Sincerely,



Keith Glover



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL SOCIOLOGY

August 22, 2007

Mrs. Chris McClendon
Human Resource Specialist III
104 Duncan Hall
Auburn University, AL 36849

Dear Mrs. McClendon,

I am extremely pleased to recommend Christopher Thomas for the Regional Extension Agent position. I had the privilege of working with Christopher during his summer internship and as a student in my Agricultural Business Management course. I can say without hesitation that he exhibited a strong work ethic and a vast knowledge of production agriculture.

My recommendation is based upon the experience of interacting with a well rounded student with excellent people skills. I first met Christopher while he was working at Dillard's Country Store in Tallassee, and after our conversation he decided to change his major to Agricultural Economics. In order to pay for his education, Christopher was required to work part-time while taking a full course load. This had a negative impact on his grade point average, but it speaks to his work ethic and character. His personality and professional experience have equipped him with the ability to fit comfortably in formal, professional as well as informal social settings. I feel that his personality, educational training, and experience have given him the maturity, focus, and ability to make decisions, which are important traits for an effective Extension Agent. I feel that his greatest asset is his confidence and ability to work with people.

It was a privilege to have Christopher as a student, and it is without reservation that I recommend him for the Regional Extension Agent position. I anticipate that he will be a tremendous asset to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deacue Fields, Ph.D.
Extension Economist, Associate Professor

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Unofficial Transcript

Christopher B Thomas

Unofficial Academic Record

GRADE ADJUSTMENT POLICY INVOKED

Current Academic Program:
 College of Agriculture
 Bachelor of Science
 Major: Agricultural Business & Econ.

Transfer Credit Applied to Fall 2004

Southern Union State Comm. Coll. Aug 2001 - Dec 2001		
WRITTEN COMPOSITION I	C	3.00
HIST OF WESTERN CIVIL I	B	3.00
PRECALCULUS ALGEBRA	C	3.00
ORIENT	A	1.00
FUND OF PUBLIC SPEAKING	B	3.00
Jan 2002 - May 2002		
PRECALCULUS TRIGONOMETRY	F	0.00
GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	B	3.00
School Total:		16.00
SHELTON STATE COMM COLL (SEM) Aug 2002 - Dec 2002		
WRITTEN COMPOSITION II	C	3.00
PERS HEALTH	B	3.00
INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	B	3.00
Jan 2003 - May 2003		
INTRO BUS	C	3.00
20TH CENT LIT ENG	C	3.00
THEATRE APPRECIATION (A)	C	3.00
Jan 2004 - May 2004		
INTRO TO ACCOUNTING	B	4.00
PRIN OF MICROECONOMICS	C	3.00
MOD LIT IN ENGL	C	3.00
School Total:		28.00
Total:		44.00

-----Fall 2004-----

Admitted Program:
 College of Agriculture
 Bachelor of Science
 Major: Agricultural Business & Econ.

ACCT2210003	PRIN OF MANAGERIAL ACCT	D	3.00	3.00
ASOC2100002	MICROCOMPUTER APPJ IN AGRICULTURE	B	3.00	3.00
ECON2030001	PRIN OF MACROECONOMICS	F/ F*	(3.00)	
BSOC3190001	AGRICULTURE AND SOCIETY	B	3.00	3.00

AGRS EGRS QGRS QPTS GPA
 Current 12.00 9.00 9.00 21.00 2.33
 Cumulative 56.00 53.00 9.00 21.00 2.33

NOTE * COURSE EXCLUDED FROM EARNED HOURS AND GPA

-----Spring 2005-----				
AGEC3010001	AGRI BUSINESS MPRKETING	D	3.00	3.00
AGEC4040001	AGRICULTURAL FINANCE	C	3.00	6.00
ANSC1000003	INTRO ANIMAL & DAIRY SCIENCES	C	4.00	8.00
BIO11020002	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	F/ F*	(4.00)	
HIST1220011	TECHNOLOGY & CIV II	C	3.00	6.00

AGRS EGRS QGRS QPTS GPA
 Current 17.00 13.00 13.00 23.00 1.76
 Cumulative 73.00 66.00 22.00 44.00 2.00

NOTE * COURSE EXCLUDED FROM EARNED HOURS AND GPA

-----Summer 2005-----				
BIO11020001	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	C	4.00	8.00
FLSP1010006	ELEMENTARY SPANISH I	B	4.00	12.00
PHIL1020002	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	F/ F*	(3.00)	

Good Standing
 AGRS EGRS QGRS QPTS GPA
 Current 11.00 8.00 8.00 20.00 2.50
 Cumulative 84.00 74.00 30.00 64.00 2.13

NOTE * COURSE EXCLUDED FROM EARNED HOURS AND GPA

-----Fall 2005-----				
AGEC4070001	AGRICULTURAL LAW	D	3.00	3.00
AGE1360002	AG LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	B	2.00	6.00
BIO11030001	ORGANISWAL BIOLOGY	D	4.00	4.00

Academic Warning
 AGRS EGRS QGRS QPTS GPA
 Current 9.00 9.00 9.00 13.00 1.44
 Cumulative 93.00 83.00 39.00 77.00 1.97

-----Spring 2006-----				
AGEC4950001	UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR	S	0.00	

AGEC5010001	FARM MANAGEMENT	C	3.00	6.00
AGRI5840001	ADVANCED AGRIC LEADERSHIP DEVELO			
		A	3.00	12.00
MATH1690351	CALCULUS BUSINESS APPS I	W	4.00	
RSOC3620001	COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION	B	3.00	9.00

	AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	QPTS	GPA
Current	13.00	9.00	9.00	27.00	3.00
Cumulative	106.00	92.00	48.00	104.00	2.16

-----Fall 2006-----

AGEC5100001	AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT			
		C	3.00	6.00
ANSC4970001	SPECIAL PROBLEMS	B	3.00	9.00
PHIL1940016	BUSINESS ETHICS	F	3.00	

	AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	QPTS	GPA
Current	9.00	6.00	9.00	15.00	1.66
Cumulative	115.00	98.00	57.00	119.00	2.08

-----Spring 2007-----

AGEC4300001	AG POLICIES AND TRADE	B	3.00	9.00
AGEC5030001	AGRICULTURAL PRICES	B	3.00	9.00
ECON3020002	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS	C	3.00	6.00
MATH1690081	CALCULUS WITH BUSINESS APPS I			
		D	4.00	4.00
STAT2610146	STATS FOR BIO AND HEALTH SCI	D	3.00	3.00

	AHRS	EHRS	QHRS	QPTS	GPA
Current	16.00	16.00	16.00	31.00	1.93
Cumulative	131.00	114.00	73.00	150.00	2.05

-----End of Academic Record-----

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