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TO: Roger Carlton, Chairperson  
South Miami-Dade Watershed Study and Plan Advisory Committee

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SUBJ: Agribusiness Employment Figures

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During the last several Advisory Committee meetings, reference has been made to inaccurate reporting of agricultural employment figures. Here is a list of agribusiness employers and their total employment numbers for the 2005-2006 season:

Costa Nursery Farms  
Year-Round: 1,169

Costa Colors  
Year-Round: 352

First Foliage  
Year-Round: 250  
Seasonal: 450

Nature's Way Nursery of Miami  
Year-Round: 300

Hines Horticulture  
Year-Round: 600

Brooks Tropicals  
Year-Round: 150  
Seasonal: 220

F&T Farms  
Year-Round: 19  
Seasonal: 441

DiMare Homestead/Circle D Farms  
Year-Round: 300  
Seasonal: 268

Alger Farms  
Year-Round: 35  
Seasonal: 100

Torbert Farms/Five Brothers Produce  
Year-Round: 31  
Seasonal: 400

John Bean Farms of Homestead  
Year-Round: 7  
Seasonal: 250