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Dear Golden Growers Member:

Recently, the ProGold Board of Governors voted to resume monthly distributions to its members. The Golden Growers Board is now able to consider future obligations against revenue as they plan for member distributions.

**On June 15th, the Golden Growers Board of Directors approved a distribution of \$0.14/bushel or \$2,168,667 to members of record as of June 1, 2017.** This distribution is to be issued no later than June 30th. Along with the February distribution, \$4,383,806 of the \$7,366,209 allocated income for 2016 has been retired. The remaining 2016 equity credit balance is \$2,982,403.

Your Golden Growers Board believes it is important to build a reserve during the course of this lease for several reasons. If Cargill chooses to exercise its option to purchase 50% interest in ProGold from American Crystal Sugar Company, Golden Growers will be obligated to buy American Crystal's remaining 1% in ProGold. In addition, there are likely to be capital expenditures during the lease that are the obligation of ProGold while lease income declines. When capital expenditures occur, distributions from ProGold will be reduced. By building a reserve, Golden Growers Cooperative will be able to moderate the impact of those capital expenditures and declining lease revenue.

With this payment, Golden Growers has issued payments to members totaling \$94,043,859. This represents 174% of members' original equity investment in the ProGold plant.

A check for the approved distribution is enclosed. Because this payment is to retire previously allocated income, the payment is typically not taxable. However, **Golden Growers is not qualified to provide, and this letter does not constitute, tax advice.** Please contact a qualified tax advisor with any questions about tax documents or the tax effect of payments from or charges you incur from Golden Growers. **Retain this letter with your tax papers and share it with your tax advisor.**

Best regards,

Scott B. Stofferahn  
Executive Vice President

**Voluntary Direct Deposit of Distributions to Start in October**

Direct Deposit offers an advantage of quicker and smoother access to member distributions. The Direct Deposit form is available on the Golden Growers website under the 'Member Information' tab.