

Please return survey by August 10th, 2016!

**Golden Growers Cooperative
CONFIDENTIAL Member Survey**

Please return the completed survey in the envelope provided by **August 10th 2016** to:

**Golden Growers Cooperative
1002 Main Avenue West, Suite 5
West Fargo, ND 58078**

OR scan and email to: lorib@goldengrowers.com

*Golden Growers is conducting an important marketing research project. You can help provide guidance to your Board of Directors as they consider long term planning for your Cooperative. Individual survey **RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL** and will only be used in the aggregate for Golden Growers Cooperative's planning purposes.*

MEMBER INFORMATION

Please complete member information below

Member Name	Member ID:
Other Name(s)	Phone:
Address	Email:
City, State Zip	

Age _____ (Of Primary Individual/Authorized Designee)

Status (Check all that apply):

___ Farming, ___ Not Farming, ___ Retired, ___ Associated with an active farm operation

If currently farming, please provide approximate acres of crops produced:

_____ corn, _____ soybeans, _____ sugar beets,
_____ small grains, _____ minor oilseeds,
_____ other (please list) _____

If available, I would like my dividend/distribution payments delivered electronically through Automated Clearing House (ACH or electronic) transfer.

___ Yes, ___ No

I would rather receive news and information from Golden Growers by email instead of mailed newsletters/letters.

___ Yes, ___ No

INVESTING

If additional value-added processing alternatives were possible at the ProGold plant, I believe Golden Growers Cooperative (check all that apply):

- Should retain existing ProGold lease income to pay for the investment.
- Should allow members to invest additional capital in the project.

I am interested in value added agricultural processing ventures unrelated to the ProGold plant?

Yes, No

If answer above is YES, what type of value added processing project would you be interested in?

- ethanol, soybean crushing, food grade corn flour
- other (please explain) _____

Accredited Investor Status:

US securities regulations require entities that are raising capital to register the securities unless the purchasers are accredited investors. This security registration process involves significant legal and accounting costs. In order for an individual to qualify as an accredited investor, he or she must accomplish **at least one** of the following:

- 1) Earn an individual income of more than \$200,000 per year, or a joint income of \$300,000, in each of the last two years and expect to reasonably maintain the same level of income.
- 2) Have a net worth exceeding \$1 million, either individually or jointly with his or her spouse.

Based on the definition above, would you meet at least one of the definitions and consider yourself to be an accredited investor?

Yes, No

DELIVERIES

If you complete your annual deliveries through Method A (physical delivery of corn to the plant), in addition to your delivery commitment (Check all that apply):

- I deliver additional corn to the ProGold plant on an annual basis. _____ bushels
- I deliver additional corn to other buyers on an annual basis. _____ bushels
- A family member or friend delivers on my behalf.

If you complete your annual delivery through Method B (Golden Growers acts as your agent to secure corn on your behalf) – (Check all that apply):

- I produce corn, but do not deliver to the ProGold plant.
- I do not produce corn, but could produce corn for delivery for the right incentive.
- I do not produce corn, but produce other crops.
- I am not a crop producer.

If there are factors that limit your delivery of corn to the ProGold plant, vs. other options, what are they? – (Check all that apply):

- Distance to the plant
- Turnaround times when delivering
- Limits on harvest time deliveries
- Other (explain) _____
- No major limitations _____

ALTERNATIVE MARKETS (producers only)

I have produced crops for specialty markets:

Yes, No - specialty crop(s) produced _____

I have produced Non-GM (Non-Genetically Modified) corn and soybeans in past 5 years.

Yes, No If Yes – types of markets: _____

I would be willing to consider producing commodities for specialty markets.

Yes, No

Golden Growers should pursue alternative or niche market opportunities if it would mean long term stability for the ProGold plant.

Yes, No

If a new Joint Venture at the ProGold plant involved a potentially profitable venture requiring delivery of Non-GM corn - (check all that apply):

- I would not be interested in delivering Non-GM corn to the ProGold plant
- I could justify raising Non-GM corn for an appropriate incentive payment
- Growing Non-GM corn could align with a strategy to deal with herbicide resistant weeds
- I have the ability to segregate and store Non-GM corn separate from my existing corn

If checked above: Total segregation storage available (*in bushels*) _____

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Additional Comments:

We appreciate your time and responses to our questions. Your answers will assist the Board as they consider *the future of your Cooperative* and assess value added processing opportunities.

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