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## <u>IMPORTANT INFORMATION – RETAIN WITH YOUR TAX PAPERS</u>

February 14, 2020

Dear Golden Growers Member:

For 2019, Golden Growers had net taxable income of **\$6,962,196** which must be allocated to our members in proportion to their patronage during the year. **Accordingly, the Board of Directors has declared an allocation of \$0.4494 per bushel delivered in 2019.** An "allocation" (in the form of equity credits) is your share of the taxable income; it is NOT a cash distribution. The IRS Schedule K-1 you receive indicates the amount of your 2019 allocation.

The Board also approved a cash distribution of \$0.14 per delivered bushel, or 31.1% of the allocation. A check for that amount is enclosed. This distribution is a partial retirement of the calendar year 2019 equity credits, and is not typically taxable.

Note: With this distribution, unretired equity credits for 2019 and 2018 totals \$8,172,331 or \$0.53/bushel. This balance is useful in determining per Unit basis levels and does not constitute an outstanding obligation for GGC.

If you delivered corn in 2019 by Method B (Agency Delivery), you will note that \$0.02 has been deducted from your distribution for each bushel delivered. This Agency Fee will have a different tax effect than the distribution.

**Note:** Members who transferred Units paid the agency fee (Method B) during the transfer process. Agency fees on transferred units not deducted from this distribution. Further, allocations of income, reflected on the Schedule K-1, were issued to the Member who transferred Units effective in 2019.

If you are an individual member or a 'pass-through' tax entity and do not reside in North Dakota, state law requires us to withhold 2.9% of your taxable income (reported on K-1) for nonresident state income tax.

Golden Growers is not qualified to provide, and this letter does not constitute, tax advice. Contact a qualified tax advisor with any questions about tax documents or the tax effect of payments or charges from Golden Growers. Please retain this letter with your tax papers and share it with your tax advisor.

Best regards,

Scott B. Stofferahn Executive Vice President

Enclosure:

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## Golden Growers Cooperative Automated Clearing House (ACH) Authorization Form

#### Electronic Credit/Debit Authorization Form

I (we) hereby authorize **GOLDEN GROWERS COOPERATIVE** to initiate *electronic* entries to my (our) checking/savings accounts at the financial institution listed below (THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION), and, if necessary, initiate adjustments for any transactions credited/debited in error. This authority will remain in effect GOLDEN GROWERS COOPERATIVE is notified by me (us) in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford GOLDEN GROWERS COOPRATIVE and THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on the request.

# **Golden Growers Member Information** Member Number Golden Growers Member Name Golden Growers Member Address Member Phone City, State & Zip Member Email Authorized Member(s) Name(s) (print) Signature Date Authorized Member(s) Signature(s) **Financial Institution Information** Name of Financial Institution Phone Number Address of Financial Institution - Branch City, State, & Zip Name on Checking/Savings Account: Financial Institution Routing Number: Checking/Savings Account Number:

**IMPORTANT:** Please **attach voided check** and return form to:

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