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John R Fisher
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RE: Final payment from the liquidation of Sustainable Systems, LLC

Dear John R Fisher,

The Montana Department of Agriculture (department) is providing this partial payment for dollars owed to you by Sustainable Systems, LLC in Culbertson, Montana. This is the final payment to growers who delivered on their 2008 safflower contracts. These funds include proceeds from the liquidation of Sustainable Systems' commodity assets.

This payment will provide each grower with 100% of the amount owed for their safflower crop delivered in 2008 as listed in Sustainable Systems' settlement sheets. However, North Dakota growers will not be fully compensated until the North Dakota bond process has been completed under the administration of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The department is pleased that we were able to pay Sustainable Systems' producers the full amount owed. We realize that any delay in payment causes a hardship, and we will continue to work with the industry to assure that businesses can meet their obligations to growers. I appreciate your patience and I look forward to working with you to continue to develop new oilseed products and markets to diversify our agriculture industry.

Sincerely,

Ron de Yong
Director

cc: Brent Sarchet, Business Examiner
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