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COMPANY UPDATE

Reflecting on 2019 reveals a number of challenges and changes within the industry and Bushmills:

- -A very difficult corn and weather market affecting supply & prices.
- -Trade dispute with China decreasing DDG & ethanol market demand, although a potential agreement has now been reached.
- -EPA's persistence in supporting oil refiners at the expense of ethanol.
- -Large throughput improvements in many ethanol plants, increasing supplyeven though 10% of the industry shuts down.

Bushmills has brought new equipment online and changed key management positions within operations and maintenance. The results are:

- -increased denatured ethanol yields to 2.99 gallons per bushel.
- -increased throughput by 30% to 85 million gallons per year.
- -dropped operation costs by 6 cents per gallon.
- -the company is stronger and better than ever going into 2020.

TAX UPDATE

2019 taxable income for federal tax purposes is estimated to be \$1,000 a unit or \$.20 cents a bushels. 2019 taxable income for Minnesota state tax purposes is estimated to be \$2,500 a unit of \$.50 cents a bushel.

Please seek professional tax advice in determining your taxes or when thinking about selling your units because each individual tax situation is different.

<u>UNITS SOLD</u>

See Bushmills website at **bushmillsethanol.com** and go under the unit trading tab at the top of the site.

REMINDERS

BUSHMILLS WEBSITE UPDATE REMINDER

Bushmills website address is bushmillsethanol.com

MEMBERS TAB – A members tab has been added to the website. All members will need to visit the members tab on the website and register as a member. In the members tab you will be able to see company financials, bulletins, Bushmills Ethanol Amended and Restated Bylaws adopted October 28, 2004 and update your user profile.

Please visit the website first and if you then have questions please call or e-mail.