

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Valued Customer,

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a public notice on November 20, 2018 advising consumers not to eat romaine lettuce due to an outbreak of E. coli O157:H7. The FDA announcement can be accessed <u>here</u>.

There is no indication that any product grown, harvested or processed by Growers Express, LLC is associated with this outbreak. To date, we have not been contacted by any regulatory agency regarding this matter and we have not initiated any product recall.

Growers Express is committed to our robust food safety program for all of our products, including romaine. We are Handlers in Good Standing with the CA and AZ LGMA and are GFSI Audited for our Food Safety Management System, Good Agricultural Practices and HACCP.

Providing safe food is our top priority, and our food safety, production, and sales teams will respond as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued partnership.