



National Approach...

IAC Southern Plains Region

Dr. Schnelle, Specialty Horticulturalist and Professor, from Oklahoma State University once held a bi-annual American Indian Horticulture Conference that ceased in 2016. As a broader partnership between IAC Southern Plains Region, several tribes, and American Plant this conference will resume as an annual event in correspondence with the IAC Southern Plains Regional Summit. Speakers that are key players in the field of horticulture, tribal programs an operators, and industry leaders in the field will gather this fall to discuss the latest technology and opportunities in commercial horticulture. Youth program will be included as introductory talks, hands-on activities, and internship placements .



Speaker Discussing Opportunities for
American Indian Youth in Agriculture:
Employment with Tribes



EQIP Irrigation Training with NRCS Program Specialist
and Invited Speakers from Industry

The scope of this upcoming conference will be broad in terms of horticultural production but will specifically address a lack of technical capacity in tribal horticulture programs and facilitate the development of training programs at the national level. A committee is currently being formed to develop curriculum, assist with standardized feasibility studies, and identify resources and program opportunities in the field of horticulture. A related project at Pawnee Tribal Headquarters will serve as a pre-conference training opportunity with additional tours to be provided of various tribal horticulture programs. Discssion topics will include: Hemp Production, Intergrated Pest Management, Systematic Automation of processes; Nursery Stock Production; Community Gardens, EQIP and Hightunnel Production... and many more topics. We are shooting for an October event.