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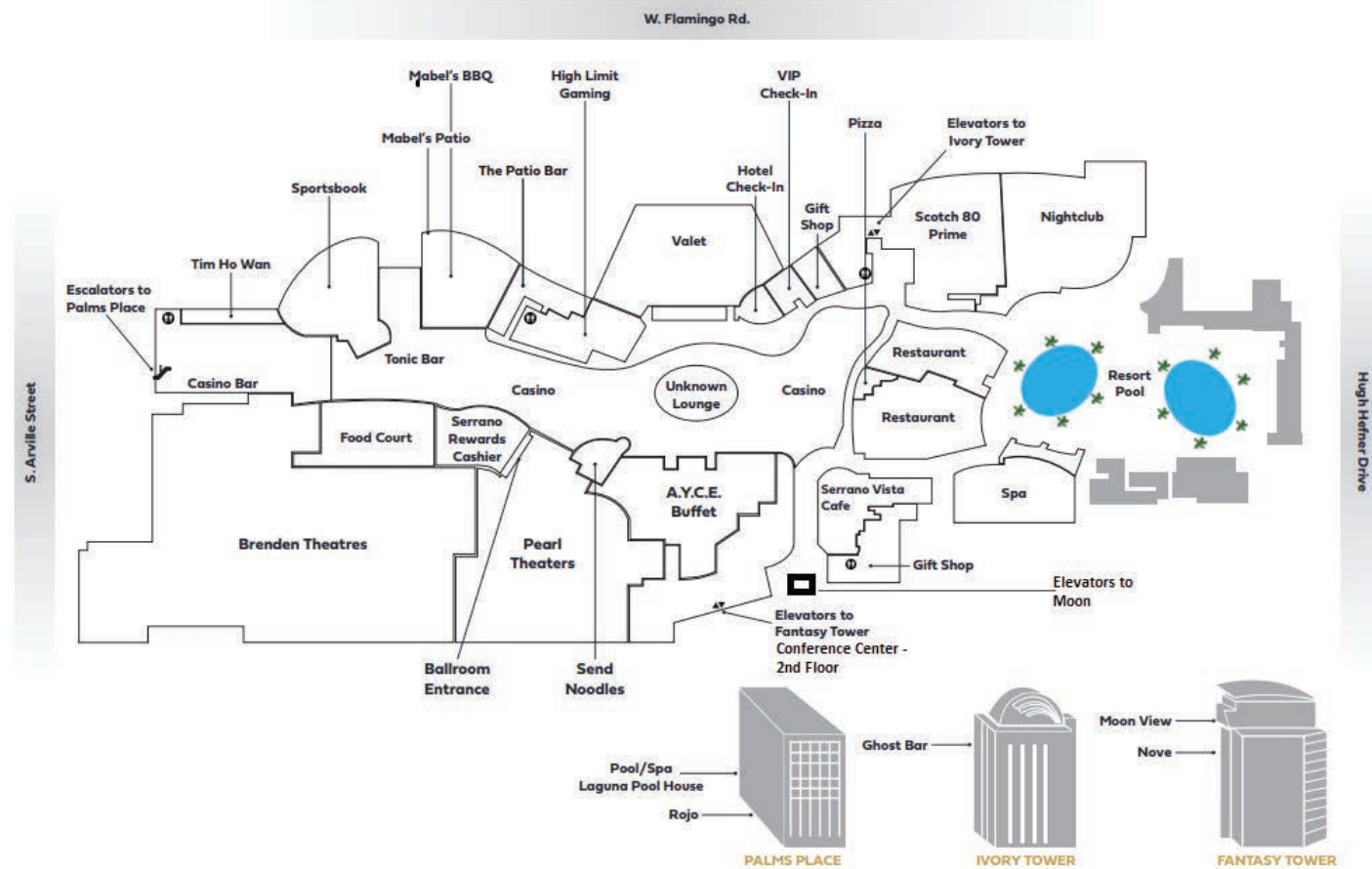
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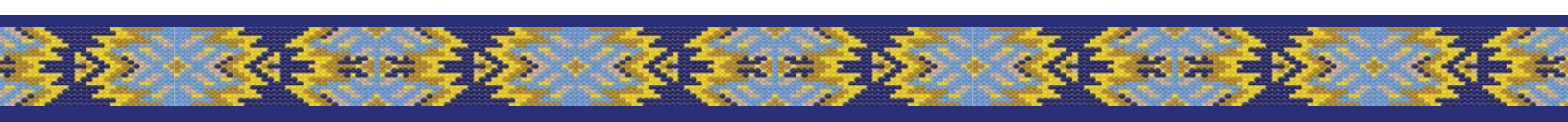
The Intertribal Agriculture Council proudly introduces the youth drum group, Willow Creek Singers, to lead our opening ceremony with song and good energy.

The drum group's leader, Leland M. Lukin, shares his story: ◆◆◆◆◆

Oki. My name is Leland Michael Lukin, and I am an enrolled Blackfeet member. I reside on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana, and my Indian name is Gucgaducee Sukamapii, meaning Star Boy. I am eighteen years of age. I attend the Browning Indians Public School. I am currently a senior and will graduate this spring in May 2024. My goal is to attend Blackfeet Community College and then pursue my degree in the health field at the University of Montana in Missoula. My parents are Michel Michell and Alan Lukin from Browning.

My hobbies are singing Indian, making drumsticks, and attending ceremonies and celebrations throughout Indian Country. I have a youth drum group, and we are called Willow Creek Singers. There are six of us who help sing at high school functions and community events, and we are very proud to be asked to do so. We were honored to be chosen to be host singers for two powwows. The songs I sing are the flag songs and society songs taught to me by one of my good friends, Josh Horn. He has shown me many of the songs composed by my great-grandfather, Sam Spotted Eagle, and the late Honored Earl Old Person. It is an honor to be awarded an Intertribal Agriculture Council scholarship and to be able to be a part of this conference.

Thank you,
Leland M. Lukin



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The Trust's Mission shall be to make grants to Eligible Grant Recipients to fund the provision of:

- business assistance,
- technical support,
- agricultural education,
- advocacy services

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NAAF offers paid Fall, Spring, and Summer internships for currently enrolled college students in good standing with their university/institution. Interns will gain a deep understanding of the NAAF mission as they build organizational skills and complete special projects with experienced NAAF Staff. Applications for Spring 2024 are due December 15, 2023.

WHO CAN WE FUND?

- 501c3 Organizations
- Tribal Governments
- Education Institutions
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI's)

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MONDAY, DEC 11, 2023

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: REGISTRATION

LOCATION: BALLROOM

Youth, chaperones, and young professionals will check in and receive their welcome bag, per diem, and direction for the next day/week. Those who are unable due to specific circumstances will register early in the morning on Tuesday.



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IAC serves as the nation's leading voice on Native agricultural policies and programs that **revitalize and advance Native food systems and economic development** throughout Indian Country.

IAC's programmatic offerings include the following:



- Legal and policy development
- USDA technical assistance
- Natural resources management
- Domestic and international marketing support
- Regenerative financing assistance
- Native youth in food and agriculture leadership development

USDA'S DISCRIMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) is a limited-time program that Congress authorized in Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act in August 2022 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to ranchers, farmers, and forest landowners determined to have experienced discrimination in USDA lending programs prior to January 1, 2021.

KEEPSEAGLE PARTICIPANTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE BASED ON THE SAME CLAIM(S).

IAC'S ROLE IN USDA'S DFAP

IAC is serving as a "cooperator" to ensure that the latest information about the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program reaches Tribal producers and to provide direct assistance to Tribal producers during virtual and in-person events throughout the application period. IAC has no role in processing the DFAP applications or making determinations on discrimination claims.

DEADLINES

January 13, 2024: DFAP Application Submission Deadline
DFAP APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT <https://22007apply.gov/>



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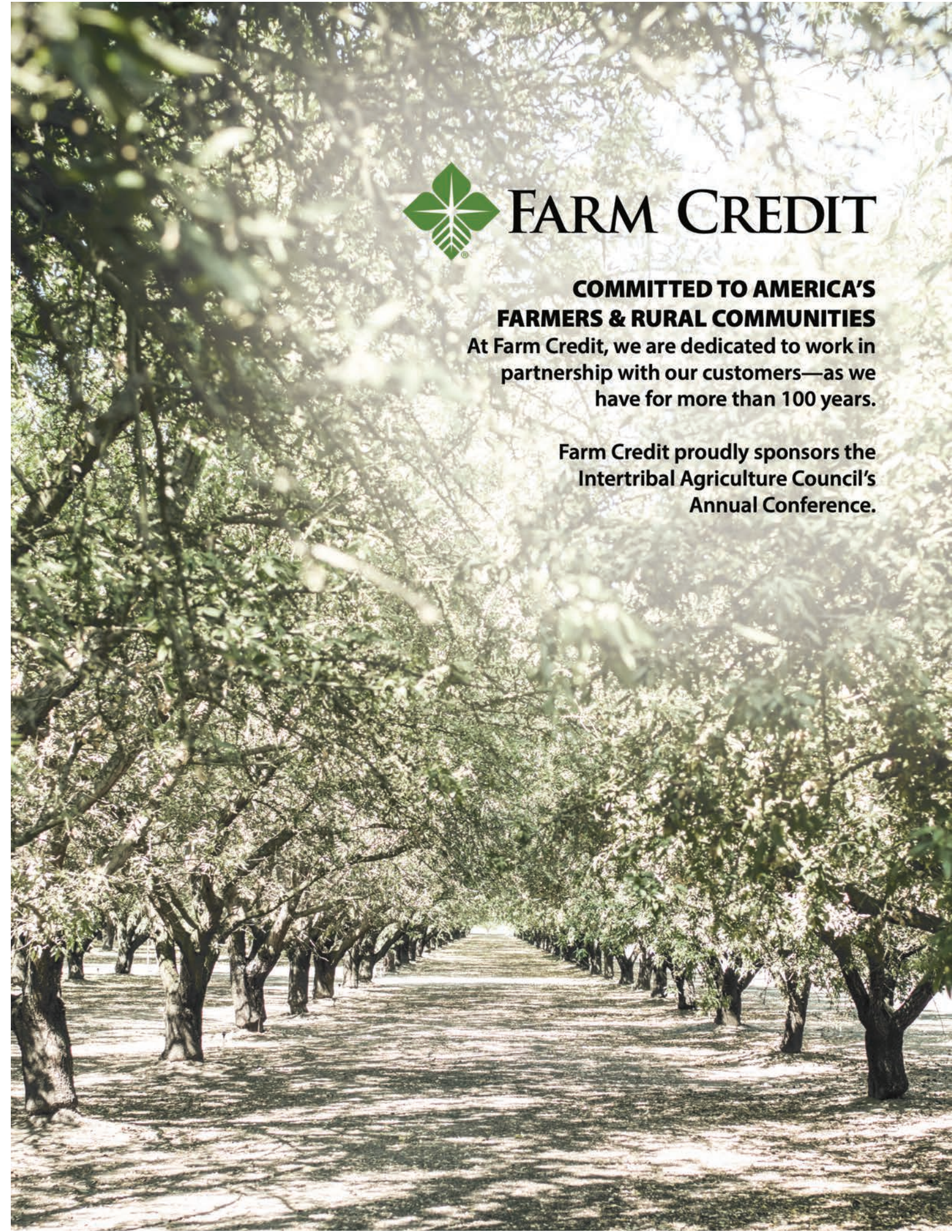
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TUESDAY, DEC 12, 2023

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM: REGISTRATION

LOCATION: BALLROOM

Registration for those who missed on Monday.

9:00AM-12:00PM GENERAL SESSION IN THE PEARL THEATER

8:30 AM

Youth and young professionals meet in the lobby at 8:30 AM to prepare for the
✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ flag procession in the Pearl Theater ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Flag Procession: Youth and Young Professionals

Essay Contest finalists will be formally awarded and asked to read their essays.

Awards presented to youth essay contest finalists and honorable mentions

LUNCH - 12:00 PM

Banquet Luncheon by **Chef Crystal Wahpepah**

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1:30 PM IAC Law and Policy provide a Farmbill overview and answer questions related to the Essay Contest topic. Abi Fain, Chief Legal & Policy Officer and Ridge Howell, Counsel

2:30 PM IAC youth programs overview with Elaini Vargas, Youth Programs Director. Presentations from Summer interns, Letkwu Moore Stanger and Delaney Schroeder Echavarria, as well as Native Youth Advisory Council Great Plains member, Calico Ducheneaux.

3:30 PM Caucus Meeting Announcement by Keir Johnson-Reyes, IAC Chief Stakeholder Engagement Officer

4:00 PM WORKSHOP: "How to Apply for an FSA Youth Loan." USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Jennifer Perez, National Outreach and Education Specialist and Tribal Liaison

TUESDAY, DEC 12, 2023

4:30 PM Directions for Tradeshow walkthrough and the following day by Elaini Vargas, Youth Programs Director

5:00 PM Tradeshow walkthrough

5:30 PM End of day



The Feeding America network supports initiatives in Native American communities that increase access to food and address hunger in Native communities.

Learn more at feedingamerica.org/nativewellness



A large promotional graphic for the Tribal Agriculture Fellowship (TAF). It features a group of young people in white t-shirts and blue jeans standing in front of a building. The text "TRIBAL AGRICULTURE FELLOWSHIP" is prominently displayed in the center, with the tagline "Building the Next Generation of Indigenous Agriculture" below it. To the right, there is a QR code labeled "TAF APPLICATION" and the text "NOW ACCEPTING 2024 APPLICATIONS COHORT". At the top right, it says "GROWING LEADERS. CULTIVATING MINDS." Below the main text, there are three sections: "THE MISSION OF TAF" (The mission of the Tribal Agriculture Fellowship is to create opportunities for students to advance their education in agriculture, increase specialized knowledge, and preserve and promote the legacy of agriculture in tribal communities.), "WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?" (Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Students may apply for the fellowship program under three categories: Career and Technical Education (2 Year Programs), Undergraduate Studies (4 Year Programs), Graduate Studies (Master's or PhD Programs)), and "TAF RESOURCES CAN BE UTILIZED FOR:" (tuition & fees, housing, meal plans, equipment fees and testing costs, professional development). At the bottom, there are contact details: a phone icon with "479-313-1535", an email icon with "info@tafellows.org", a website icon with "tafellows.org", and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with the handle "@tafellows".

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Scan to learn more about Northwest TOPP events.

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Learn more about technical support resources and regional events at www.organictransition.org.

Contact toppmentorship@ccof.org with questions or for more information.

Learn more about the Transition to **Organic** Partnership Program at www.organictransition.org or scan here!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13, 2023

ALL YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE VIEW ROOM OF THE FANTASY TOWER

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Regional Caucus Meetings (optional for youth, mandatory for NYAC)

8:00 AM **Food and Mood - Nourishing the Mind, Body, and Spirit** with Traci Pole, Assistant Regional Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

9:00 AM Akiptan - Skya

9:30 AM **Advocacy and Action: Youth Fighting for Food Sovereignty** with Jayden Lim and youth panel, California Indian Museum and Cultural Center (CIMCC)

10:00 AM Break, drinks and snacks provided

10:15 AM continued **Advocacy and Action: Youth Fighting for Food Sovereignty**

10:30 AM Tonka Youth institute with Zintkala Eiring and youth panel

11:30 AM **Teaching Weaving While Healing** with Alice Lincoln-Cook

LUNCH - 12:00 PM Pizza Party (lunch provided): Meet and Greet with IAC's Regional Technical Assistance Specialists

1:50 PM continued **Teaching Weaving While Healing** with Alice Lincoln-Cook

2:00 PM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP: Basics of Risk Management and Crop Insurance with RMA Risk Management Specialist Jeremy Not Afraid & Custom Ag Solution's Brett Crosby

2:40 PM Break, drinks and snacks provided

3:00 PM **USDA AMS** with Sara Hernandez - Careers with the Department of Agriculture

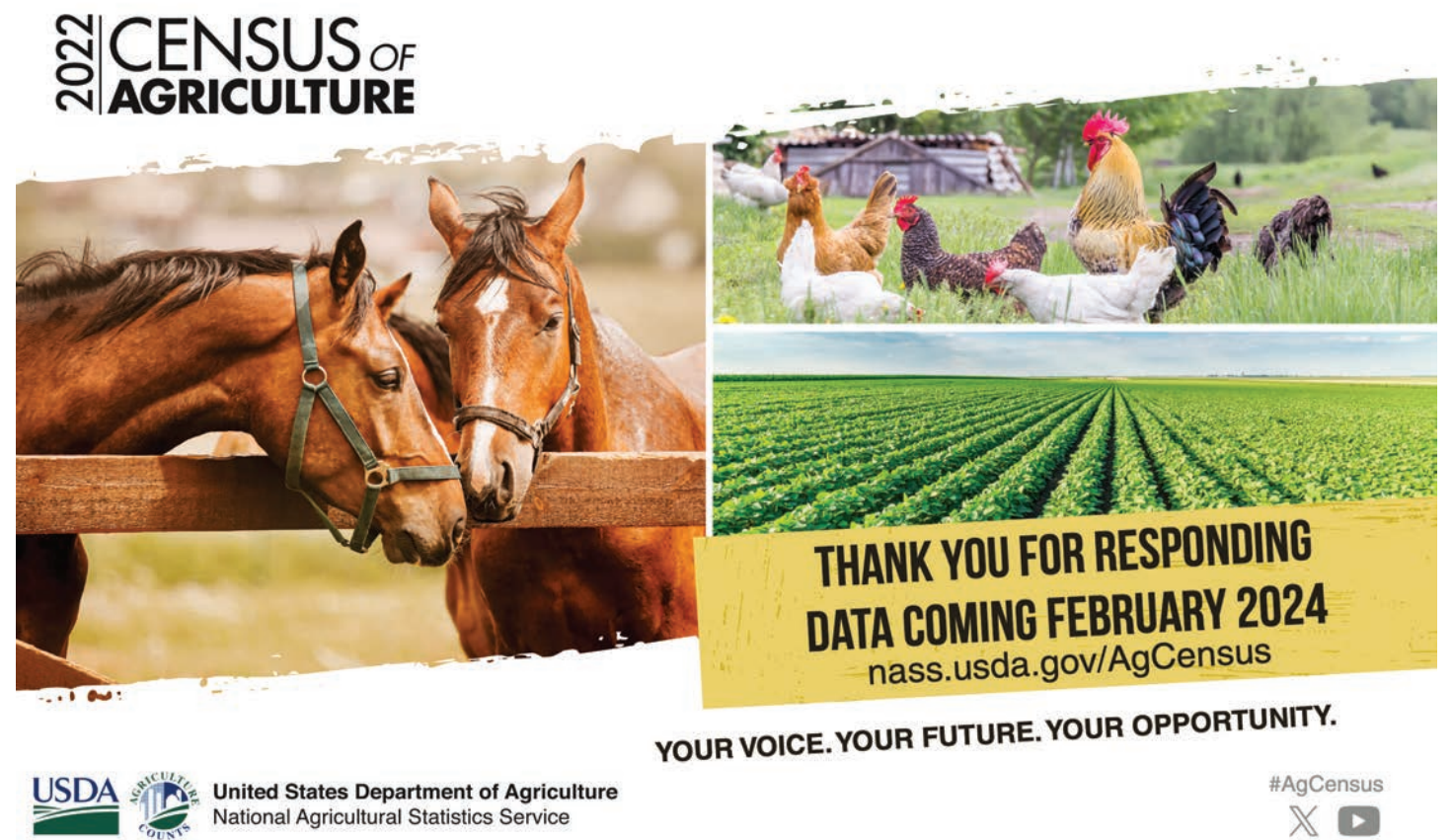
3:30 PM **USDA NASS:** Sharing professional development opportunities with Troy Marshall

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4:00 PM NRCS Internship opportunities and Professional round tables with Rick Tafoya and team

5:30 PM Survey, reflection, share outs, instructions for the next day


5:45 PM End of day




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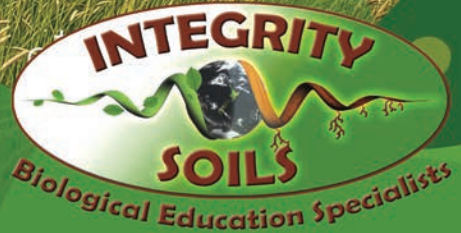
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- 8:30 AM** Empathy in the Workplace with Celya Glowacki
- 9:30 AM** University of Nevada Reno, Do I Belong? with Dr. Kari Emm
- 10:30 AM** Closing youth track with a survey and reflection share out
- 10:45 AM** Collectively walk over to the **Pearl Theater** for conference closing ceremony
- 11:30 AM** End of day



Farmers' Legal Action Group (FLAG)

FLAG is a national nonprofit law firm whose mission is to provide legal services and support to family farmers and their communities to help keep farmers on the land. FLAG can provide free legal help to Native American farmers, ranchers, fishers, their communities, and their advocates.

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For more information, contact NAFS CEO Janie Hipp at janie.hipp@nativeagfinance.

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