As we embark on a forthcoming year brimming with groundbreaking initiatives, we are reminded that it is more important than ever to pursue and promote the conservation, development, and use of our agricultural resources for the betterment of our people.

In the coming year, the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) is launching a groundbreaking initiative with the establishment of the Intertribal Food Business Center in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). IAC is one of twelve organizations selected to steward this prestigious project and is the only Native-led organization serving Native producers with a nationwide service area. This initiative will provide capacity building business builder awards for Native producers and businesses, and its efforts will have a significant impact across Indian Country.

IAC is also involved in multiple upcoming USDA Climate-Smart Commodities initiatives through partnerships that position Native producers to benefit from programs designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through regenerative agricultural practices. These initiatives not only hold global implications but also foster economic growth in Native communities with expanded opportunities in the carbon market.

Over the past year, we’ve seen how our mission advances the voices of American Indian and Alaska Native communities and the policies and programs that profoundly influence our economic security, well-being, and future opportunities. Our involvement in the Intertribal Food Business Center and Climate-Smart Commodities projects signifies an unparalleled opportunity for Native producers to not only realize growth in their businesses but also monetize both their commodities and associated carbon certificates, amplifying economic opportunities.

We find ourselves at a crucial juncture in history, grappling with concerns encompassing policy, climate change, equity, food security, cultural preservation, economic recovery, and the assertion of Tribal sovereignty. Our dedication to this work remains deeply personal, as many of us at IAC are Native producers ourselves. Central to the core mission of IAC is our unwavering commitment to promote solutions for more equitable access to resources for Native producers, safeguard cultural heritage, and propel economic development through our programming.

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of you as we come together for the IAC Annual Conference. Our collective efforts will pave the way for a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous future for our communities. I wish everyone a fantastic week here in Las Vegas!

Respectfully,

Kari Jo Lawrence
Chief Executive Officer
Intertribal Agriculture Council
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The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) is a private, charitable trust serving Native farmers and ranchers created from the historic Keenesburg v. Vilsock litigation settlement.

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

NEXT AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE IN 2024

NAAF 2024 INTERNSHIP

NAAF offers paid Fall, Spring, and Summer internships for currently enrolled college students to gain hands-on experience 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
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The Feeding America network supports initiatives in Native American communities that increase access to food and address hunger in Native communities.

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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 Guccpaducee Sukamapi, meaning Star Boy. I am eighteen years of age. I attend the Browning Indian 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 Michiel Michell and Alice 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
American Indian Foods Luncheon 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
This year’s American Indian Foods Luncheon, a Ticketed Event, will feature a menu designed by Crystal Wahpepah, owner of Wahpepah’s Kitchen in Oakland, California. Wahpepah’s Kitchen is crafted on the reciprocal practices of mindfully choosing Indigenous food sources to support food sovereignty and a reclamation of ancestral knowledge in Native and Indigenous communities.

General Session
1:30 pm
Panel: Diversifying the USDA Portfolio to Promote Indian Agriculture & Food Systems moderated by IAC Chief Strategy Officer, Kelsey Scott & members of the panel include Robert Bonnie, Zach Ducheneaux, Marcia Bunger, Heather Dawn Thompson, & Astor Boozer

2:30 pm
Break

2:45 pm
Understanding Regenerative Agriculture on Native Lands: A Case Study presented by IAC Regenerative Economies Director, Tomie Peterson, Environmental Defense Fund’s Climate Smart Agriculture Manager, Vincent Gauthier & Brewer Ranch

3:05 pm
Keynote by IAC Board Member, Meagan Baldy

3:30 pm
IAC Data Visualization presented by IAC Chief Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Keir Johnson-Reyes & IAC Technical Assistance Network Director, Tikaan Galbreath

3:45 pm
What’s Next? Exploring the Future of IAC and Our Upcoming Initiatives

PUTTING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative focuses on putting Tribal sovereignty in food sovereignty, promoting Tribally driven solutions to revitalize and advance traditional food systems and diversified economic development throughout Indian Country.

IFAI provides Tribal governments, producers, and food businesses with resources, policy research, and strategic legal analysis as a foundation for building robust food economies.

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INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

Pursuing the conservation, development, and use of agricultural resources for the benefit of Native people.

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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DFAP Drop-in Assistance

Tuesday, December 12, 2023  8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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USDA Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP)

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Presenter: Abby Rohweder

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REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 13, 2023      7:30 am - 9:30 am

**Harper A, B**  
Alaska Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Alaska Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the Intertribal Agriculture Council’s (IAC) annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from AK only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Board Treasurer & Alaska Region Board Member, Theo Garcia

**Madison A**  
Eastern Oklahoma Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Eastern Oklahoma Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from Eastern OK only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Eastern Oklahoma Region Board Member, Trent Kissee

**Madison B**  
Eastern Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Eastern Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members only, consisting of Tribes in AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, ME, MA, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, and WV.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Board Vice President & Eastern Region Board Member, Joe Frank

**Kaos**  
Great Plains Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Great Plains Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from ND, SD, and NE only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Great Plains Region Board Member, Charlene Miller

**Grand B**  
Midwest Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Midwest Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from MN, WI, MI, and IA only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Board President & Midwest Region Board Member, Harlan Beaulieu

**Harper C, D**  
Navajo Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Navajo Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from the Navajo Nation only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Navajo Region Board Member, Ray Castillo

**Grand A**  
Northwest Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Northwest Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the Intertribal Agriculture Council’s (IAC) annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from OR, WA, and ID only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Northwest Region Board Member, Arlo Crutcher

**Greene St**  
Pacific Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Pacific Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from CA and NV only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Pacific Region Board Member, Meagen Baldy

**Kennedy A, B**  
Rocky Mountain Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Rocky Mountain Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from MT and WY only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Rocky Mountain Region Board Member, Craig Iron Pipe

**Moon**  
Southwest Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Southwest Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members in KS, OK (not including Eastern OK), and TX only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Board Secretary & Southwest Plains Region Board Member, Tonya Turnpaugh

**Novel**  
Western Region Caucus  
All Tribal members from the Western Region are invited to join the caucus to discuss and review issues to advance to the IAC annual membership meeting where Tribal delegates vote to include the issues into IAC’s work priorities for the upcoming year. This meeting is reserved for Tribal members from AZ, and UT only.  
**PRESENTER:** IAC Western Region Board Member, Jayme Moore

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023      10:00 am - 10:55 am

GRAND BALLROOM 4

Processor/Producer Relationship Building & Communication (Meat to Market)

Processor woes seem to be common ground amongst producers all across the country, but very infrequently do we look at communication tactics. In this course, dive into what creates a successful relationship between livestock producer and processor.

PRESENTERS: Chris Roper, Trent Kissee, Pixie Lighthorse, Jayme Murray, Olivia Tincani

GRAND BALLROOM 5

Measuring the Financial Impacts of Regenerative Agriculture on Native Farms & Ranches

This collaborative session will feature case study participants, instructors from Farm Business Management, & Integrity Soil coaches. The session goals will be to learn from 1st year’s case study and facilitate peer to peer sharing of regenerative ag practices and financial accounting methods.

PRESENTERS: Tomie Peterson, Vincent Gauthier

GRAND BALLROOM 6

Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) Collaborative Local Food Purchase Cooperative Grant (LFPA)

The CRITFC and Yakama Nation Farms have partnered together to utilize the USDA LFPA Program to increase access to fresh produce to their member Tribes. These coordinated efforts are providing fresh produce, grown in the heart of the Yakama Reservation, to Tribal communities.

PRESENTERS: Buck Jones, Jonalee Squeochs

MADISON A

USDA Discrimination Financial Assistance Program & Alternative Methods to Challeng Discrimination

This session will review the standards for USDA’s one-time Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (yes—Keepeagle participants may be eligible!), and outline other pathways to challenge USDA decisions you feel are discriminatory. PRESENTERS: TBD

MADISON B

Data Driven Decision Making for Tribal Land Stewards

UVE is working in partnership with the IAC to conduct ecological monitoring on Tribal lands in South Dakota. This collaborative, five-year project aims to empower land stewards with data for informed management decisions. PRESENTERS: Jackie Eshelman, Rachel Lahof Larsen

HARPER A,B

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Update

USDA NASS has been committed to improving the coverage of all agricultural operators within the Census of Agriculture. The partnership with the IAC has helped show the importance of those numbers and bring awareness to all American Indian operators the need to report.

PRESENTER: Hubert Hamer

HARPER C,D

Food Security & Sovereignty in Alaska Native Communities inclusivity

Join us for a summary of findings from a recent report funded by Native American Agriculture Fund that investigated agriculture and the role of food sovereignty for Alaska Native food producers.

PRESENTER: Glenna Gannon

KENNEDY A,B

Tax Management & Resources

For farming and ranching there are strategies that can be used to manage a producer’s income and self-employment taxes. In managing taxes it is important to consider USDA program payments and also tax issues unique to Tribal producers. PRESENTERS: Sarah Campbell, Ruby Ward
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GRAND BALLROOM 4

- **Top 10 Considerations for Opening a Meat Processing Plant or Brand**
  Experts from the Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network and the American Association of Meat Processors have drilled down the top 10 considerations for those looking to open a meat processing facility or brand. PRESENTERS: Abby Davidson, Rebecca Thistlethwaite

GRAND BALLROOM 5

- **NRCS Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Conservation Funding – Funding & Collaboration Opportunities**
  This session will include a summary and joint discussion focused on NRCS Inflation Reduction Act conservation funding opportunities for Tribal Nations and Tribal producers, including increased financial and technical assistance for conservation projects and more. PRESENTERS: Christopher Borden, Gayle Barry

GRAND BALLROOM 6

- **UNPS Three Sisters Farm- Harvest Hope**
  UNPS will share how a small dream of a garden bloomed into a full-scale Three Sisters Farm. This ambitious project addresses food sovereignty and blends traditional and modern farming practices to offer vocational opportunities and paid employment that connect culture and community. PRESENTERS: Ricardo Ariza, Kari Bappe

MADISON A

- **Farm Bill 2023 or 2024: What’s Next?**
  Hear from the Native Farm Bill Coalition about the latest status of the Farm Bill and where Indian Country’s priorities stand. PRESENTERS: Erin Parker, Abi Fain, Parker Reynolds

MADISON B

- **Akiptan: Innovative Finance & Long Term Impact**
  In the winter of 2023, Akiptan released the Native Agriculture Market Study Report. This session will cover information about Akiptan’s programs and financing, market study findings, as well as the new programs that span climate smart agriculture, generational wealth, and income diversification. PRESENTER: Skya Ducheneaux

HARPER A,B

- **Navigating Tools for Improved Access to FSA Farm Loans**
  This session for agricultural producers and technical assistance providers will provide an overview on navigating USDA Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) new Loan Assistance Tool, Online Application Portal and Fast Track Application and what to bring to your first office visit. PRESENTERS: Bob White, Jennifer Perez

HARPER C,D

- **Bidii Baby Foods & The BEN Initiative: Hybrid Business Model for Beginner Indigenous Farmers**
  The BEN Initiative is a 501c3 nonprofit established in 2022 whose purpose is to serve other independent young indigenous farmers and Tribally serving grassroots initiatives. This session will discuss establishing each entity, leveraging funding, and maximizing outputs in Tribal communities. PRESENTERS: Zachariah Ben, Mary Ben

KENNEDY A,B

- **USDA Livestock Insurance Options, Q&A**
  Crop insurance protects producers against financial losses from circumstances beyond their control, including natural disasters, extreme weather, and marketplace price fluctuations. This session presents an overview of Federal crop insurance for ranchers followed by questions. PRESENTERS: Sean Patrick, Cody Lovercamp, Marcia Bungar, Cody McCann, Doug Peine
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GRAND BALLROOM 4
- Establishing Strong Legal Foundations to Support Meat Processing & Economic Development
  Learn how the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative’s (IFA) resources can help Tribes code for
  their reservation or jurisdiction; gain greater understanding on how Tribal Food and Agriculture
  Code can support Tribal food economies and increase food safety. PRESENTER: Carly Hotvedt

GRAND BALLROOM 5
- NRCS (USDA) Opportunities to Assist Tribal Community Agriculture & Small Scale Producers
  Hear NRCS program success stories from Tribal community and small scale Tribal agriculture
  where NRCS programs have been able to contribute to success. NRCS subject matter experts will
  present on new opportunities including those in the traditional foods and innovative ag space.
  PRESENTERS: Christopher Borden, Robert McAbee

GRAND BALLROOM 6
- We’ute, Collectively We Eat: Regenerating Food Systems in the Homeland
  As the leading agricultural development catalyst on the homelands of the Oglala Lakota Oyate,
  Makoce Agriculture Development is growing agribusiness, networks, and food to regenerate what
  is considered a food oasis. A final report along with this presentation will guide future development.
  PRESENTERS: Michael Brydge, Nick Hernandez

MADISON A
- USDA BIA MOU Implementation and Next Steps
  Join us for a panel discussion on interagency efforts between USDA and DOI’s Bureau of Indian
  Affairs (BIA), in coordination with Tribal Nations, to systematically address barriers impacting Tribal
  participation in USDA programs. Panelists will discuss barriers and solutions to improving access.
  PRESENTERS: Leon Lasalle, Thomas Mendez, Jim Wabindato

MADISON B
- Crop Insurance - The Loss Adjustment Process
  The loss adjustment process will be explained so farmers and ranchers who have crop insurance
  will know what to expect if they file a claim of loss. The session will also focus on the role of the loss
  adjuster, and the process they will follow to work a claim throughout this process.
  PRESENTERS: Laurence Crane, Dean Strasser

HARPER A,B
- The Health of the People & Health of the Land: Implementing Piikani Lodge Health Institute
  Piikani Lodge Health Institute is partnering with the Blackfeet Tribe’s Environmental Office to
  implement the Blackfeet Climate Adaptation Plan and Agricultural Resource Management Plan.
  Projects support local ranchers and communities while informing models of community adaptation.
  PRESENTERS: Andrew Berger, Termaine Edmo, Kristen Ripp, Kim Paul, Latrice Tatsy

HARPER C,D
- Understanding the Importance of Agricultural Statistics for Tribes and Tribal Members
  USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service is committed serving all agricultural operators with
  all data products. With recent work with Oklahoma tribes, we have been able to provide various
  points of data from the Census of Agriculture that helped enhance and justify grants or cost shares.
  PRESENTER: Troy Marshall

KENNEDY A,B
- Livestock Risk Protection - Price Protection in the Cattle Market
  According to the 2017 NASS Census of Agriculture, 75% of American Indian/Alaska Native farms
  specialize in livestock production. Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) can help your operation with
  protection from declining prices in the cattle market. PRESENTERS: Jaime Cortes, Gary Heilig Jr
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Wednesday, December 13, 2023  2:00 pm - 2:55 pm

GRAND BALLROOM 4  •  Sales Strategy, Food Sovereignty, & Security: Feeding your Community and your Business  
This workshop will teach sales strategies that embrace direct-to-consumer and wholesale to create revenue stability, while advocating for an active role in community food access.  
PRESENTERS: Amyrose Fall, Paise Lighthorse, Vanessa Miller, Spring Alaska Schreiner, Olivia Tincani

GRAND BALLROOM 5  •  Invasive Species: Prioritizing & Strategizing Efforts On the Ranch or in Tribal Departments  
Regardless of the invasive species, Native food sources are being replaced by nonnative species that Tribal ranchers and food gather’s “farming” the rivers, oceans, forest, and rangelands. Join this session to learn more about tools and resources to protect productivity of farm and ranch land.  
PRESENTER: Daniel Fagerlie

GRAND BALLROOM 6  •  Breathing Life into Our Traditional Foodways  
Through our experience as micro-farmers and a Native family, we model our traditional Dakota foodways by harvesting and preserving our local foods. This presentation will include documented personal experiences and a display of preserved foods.  
PRESENTER: Ella Robertson

MADISON A  •  Setting Up a Conservation Agenda to Meet the Needs of Your Tribal Community  
This session will provide an overview of conservation partnership opportunities available for Tribal Nations and will highlight groundbreaking Tribal conservation efforts made by the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes in northeastern Montana in coordination with USDA.  
PRESENTERS: Zach Ducheneaux, Paul Fincicum, Thomas Mendez

MADISON B  •  Interactive Capital Access Conversation  
This interactive session will engage with Native farmers, ranchers, and food businesses posing questions about capital needs, such as investing in infrastructure, processing, value-added food production, supporting family expenses, and more.  
PRESENTERS: Janie Hipp, Sandy Martini

HARPER A,B  •  Agritourism: Connecting the Visitors to Your Culture, Story and Foodways  
This interactive session will present agritourism as a tool to build food security, increase farm income, and connect visitors in a way that honors your Tribal community through Farm Tours, Farm-to-Table Experiences, Community Involvement.  
PRESENTER: Kelli Hepler

HARPER C,D  •  Alternative Funding Arrangements Tribal Prospective  
Focusing on the journey two Tribes took in securing the first two AFAs in the nation, this presentation may be of great interest and benefit to other Tribes interested in entering into these agreements.  
PRESENTERS: Bobbi Jo Favel, Leon Lasalle, Blake Stiffarm, Kyle Stiffarm

KENNEDY A,B  •  Indian Country Ag Taxes 101  
Navigating the complexities of taxes can be daunting. Luckily, the experts at the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative have compiled a framework for Tribal producers to help ensure accurate record keeping and tax payments as well as other taxes producers may be subject to and more!  
PRESENTER: Kristiana Coutu

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**Nevada Extension Mobile Harvest Unit & Meat Workforce Development Program**
Join this presentation to learn more about the mobile harvest business including infrastructure from the ground up. The Nevada Extension Mobile Harvest team will discuss business planning, HACCP and SSOPs, permitting, and rules within the food system.

**PRESENTERS:** Lindsay Chichester, Staci Emm, Jamie Lee, Austin Yohey

**DOI Listening Session on Updated Agricultural Leasing Regulations**
The Department of the Interior is revising its Agricultural Leasing regulations found at 25 CFR Part 162 Subpart B, intended to promote the self-determination of Tribes. This Listening Session is an opportunity to provide feedback to DOI on your ag production and land management concerns.

**PRESENTERS:** DOI Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, DOI Office of the Solicitor

**A Place-Based, Ecosystem Approach to Food Sovereignty**
Learn about Sicangu Co’s food sovereignty strategy with efforts aimed at individual, community, and systemic change. Presenters will discuss the Wolakota Buffalo Range and the globally-recognized 7Gen Food System Vision centering on Indigenous-led regenerative agriculture.

**PRESENTERS:** TJ Heinert, Matte Wilson

**Opportunities for Land Transfers**
This session will outline legal avenues available for tribes to realize and benefit from land transfers. Join us to learn more about how tribes assume land management and stewardship responsibilities for their ancestral homelands.

**PRESENTERS:** Jeremy Patterson

**Harvesting Resilience: Indigenous Food Systems & Entrepreneurship for Economic Growth**
This session explores the dynamic relationship between entrepreneurship and Indigenous food systems. Learn more about Indigenous farmers that drive economic growth, and preserve cultural authenticity and ecological balance while building resilient economies through collaboration.

**PRESENTERS:** Bleu Adams, Eliseo Curley, Jaiden Willets

**Writing Successful Grant Applications to Increase Access to Capital for Producers**
Learn more about the Native American Agriculture Fund’s (NAAF) grant application process and the tools needed to secure funding for agriculture-related projects in your Tribal community. Expand your knowledge on writing a successful grant application to increase your access to capital.

**PRESENTERS:** Chanel Ford, Whitney Sawney, Tani Stanger-McLaughlin

**Building a Decolonized Pantry**
“Food is Medicine” is a common phrase within the food sovereignty movement, but how do we incorporate medicinal foods into daily life? Join us to learn about common “edible medicinals” and how to build a decolonized pantry with staple ingredients that feed our bodies, minds, and spirits!

**PRESENTERS:** Linda Black Elk, Luke Black Elk

**Learn About Finding Partners & Buyers When Exporting**
This session provides practical information on identifying and qualifying potential export partners, while providing guidance on finding prospective buyers for your exported products.

**PRESENTER:** Victoria Nwasike

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023  3:30 pm - 4:25 pm

**GRAND BALLROOM 4**
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- DOI Listening Session on Updated Agricultural Leasing Regulations

**GRAND BALLROOM 5**
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COMMON GROUND Screening

Common Ground is the highly anticipated sequel to the juggernaut success documentary, Kiss the Ground, which touched over 1 billion people globally and inspired the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to put $20 billion toward soil health.

By fusing journalistic expose with deeply personal stories from those on the front lines of the food movement, Common Ground unveils a dark web of money, power, and politics behind our broken food system. The film reveals how unjust practices forged our current farm system in which farmers of all colors are literally dying to feed us. The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative “regenerative” models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America’s economy—before it’s too late.

See IAC Chief Strategy Officer, Kelsey Scott, in the film!

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
JOIN US IN THE GRAND BALLROOM 4

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Wednesday, December 13, 2023  4:30 pm - 5:25 pm

GRAND BALLROOM 4  •  Leadership & Entrepreneurship Skills for Value-Driven Businesses, Meat to Market
Gain tools to identify your unique story to drive your business marketing initiatives. This session is a deep dive into developing Indigenous storytelling for brand development and marketing strategy.
PRESENTERS: Ron Brownotter, Gilbert Louis III, Kimberly Ratcliff, Olivia Tinscini, Chance Weston

GRAND BALLROOM 5  •  DOI Listening Session on Updated Agricultural Leasing Regulations
The Department of the Interior is revising its Agricultural Leasing regulations found at 25 CFR Part 162 Subpart B, intended to promote the self-determination of Tribes. This Listening Session is an opportunity to provide feedback to DOI on your ag production and land management concerns.
PRESENTERS: DOI Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, DOI Office of the Solicitor

GRAND BALLROOM 6  •  Preserving Traditional Foods & Employing Safe Food Handling Practices
Learn the basics of food preservation with a demonstration on dehydrating—including food safety best practices. Gain an understanding of preserving food shelf life and safe food handling measures.
PRESENTER: Meagen Baldy

MADISON A  •  Food Sovereignty & Tribal Self-Determination
The Peoples Food Sovereignty Program is a Tribal led grassroots organization operating on the Flathead Reservation. This session will review their successes and food sovereignty implementation that uses Tribal hunters, gatherers, ranchers, and producers to supplement the foods in their programs.
PRESENTER: Patrick Yawakie

MADISON B  •  Indigenous Enterprise & Food Systems in Indian Country- Securing Food For Our People
Join us for an update on Tocabe Restaurant’s online Tribal marketplace and their wholesale distribution center, the newly created Pacific Northwest Inter-Tribal Agricultural Guide, and the Tribal Commercial Kitchen Building, Oregon’s first “off reservation” Tribal commercial kitchen.
PRESENTERS: Ben Jacobs, Spring Alaska Schreiner (Upingaksraaq)

HARPER A,B  •  United South & Eastern Tribes - Advancing Agriculture Opportunities for Tribal Nations
Join us for a discussion about the work of the United South & Eastern Tribes advancing Tribal agriculture priorities through leveraged partnerships. Learn more about existing partnerships, successful projects, and future opportunities for Tribal Nations.
PRESENTERS: David Anderson, Lea Zeive

HARPER C,D  •  Discussing Your Agricultural Enterprise Budget
The session will discuss small enterprise budgets for on-reservation agricultural business. Learn how to start thinking about your agricultural production by identifying costs and markets so that you can plan for long-term sustainability and identify risk management tools for your business.
PRESENTERS: Staci Emm, Carol Bishop

KENNEDY A,B  •  Business Opportunities in Canada
USDA Foreign Agriculture Service-Canada shares information about the Inaugural Tribal USDA Trade Mission to Vancouver in June 2024. Designed for Tribally owned U.S. exporters looking to enter or expand their presence in the Canadian market. PRESENTERS: Maria Arbulu, Jacob Fagliarone
CONFEREE SESIONS

Thursday, December 14, 2023      8:30 am - 9:25 am

GRAND BALLROOM 4
Poultry Processing 101
Gain an understanding of how to navigate beginning or expanding poultry processing, including mobile and traditional processing, plus the programs and assistance available in Indian Country. PRESENTERS: Staci Emm, Keith Cunningham, moderated by Katherine Minthorn

GRAND BALLROOM 5
Nüümü Irrigation Traditions: Native Foodways & Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems
This session explores Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems—a unique form of land use aimed at conserving and increasing biodiversity. Learn how Nüümü (Owens Valley Paiute) irrigated field systems is working toward this designation. PRESENTER: Milo Vella

GRAND BALLROOM 6
Yurok Tribe Food Sovereignty Program: Sharing Our Experience Building a Program
This session will discuss the concept of a “food village,” community engagement, and how this work fits into the structure of Tribal communities, land base, and traditional food resources. Learn more about how the Yurok Tribe’s food sovereignty program addresses food deserts and limited access. PRESENTER: Roger Buckskin Jr, Annelia Hillman

MADISON A
A Policy Primer for Tribal Ag Development: How Tribes Effectuate Policy to Promote Agriculture
Learn how tribes can implement policy to govern the management and administration of their agricultural lands. This session will cover the legal framework for Tribal agriculture, including Tribal ordinance development, food code development, and strategies for Tribal agricultural policies. PRESENTERS: Michelle Fox, Josey Johnson

MADISON B
Finance & Bookkeeping for Your Small Business
Learn more about bookkeeping, the importance of accounting software, and understanding financial reports. These important skills are crucial to understanding how your business performs, strategic planning, budgeting, and being tax ready. PRESENTER: Delphina Begay

HARPER A,B
Honey Bees: Production & Products from the Hive
Bees and pollinators serve an important role in agricultural sustainability by increasing crop productivity and enhancing soil health. This session provides tips and insights including value add opportunities to diversify revenue streams for aspiring beekeepers. PRESENTER: Lindsay Chichester

HARPER C
Agriculture Resource Management Plans as a Driver for Tribal Conservation & Food Security
ARMPs can serve as a foundation for establishing strong conservation measures and employing greater Tribal self-governance within USDA, DOI, BIA, and programs serving Tribal citizens. Gain a greater understanding of implementing ARMPs. PRESENTER: William Seeley

HARPER D
How to Become Certified Organic
Are you curious if your farm is ready to be certified organic? Want to learn about certified organic crop production? Learn about the certification process and grant funding available in the organic space. PRESENTERS: Nathanael Gonzales-Siemens, Samantha Hilborn-Naluai

KENNEDY A,B
Farm to School: Weaving Food Traditions into School Cafeterias, Classrooms, and Gardens
Workshop providing resources for collaboration with schools to grow procurement, agriculture education, and food sovereignty efforts. PRESENTERS: Summer Skillman, Julie Brewer

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Foundations in Marketing Strategy, Meat to Market
This course identifies marketing strategies reflective of core values, business identity, and desired business outcomes. Take a deep dive into Indigenous storytelling as a hallmark of brand identity development. This workshop is part of the IAC/SWGLA Meat to Market program.  
PRESENTERS: Kimberly Ratcliff, Michele Thorne, Olivia Tincani, Lailani Upham-Bear

TAF: Developing the Future Generation of Agricultural Leaders
The Tribal Agriculture Fellowship (TAF) assist Indigenous students in achieving their agricultural educational goals. Hear case studies from a panel of 2022 Fellow graduates.  
PRESENTERS: Nicole De Von, LaKisha Odom

Tanka Fund Update
Learn more about Tanka Fund’s 5-year Climate Smart Commodities project to incentivize buffalo and cattle caretakers to implement climate-smart practices. Tanka Fund works with Tribal producers to promote sustainable buffalo-based businesses.  
PRESENTERS: Jennifer Malaterre, Zintkala Eiring

Natural Resources Policy for Tribes - Communication, Coalitions, & Cooperation
Learn more about current natural resource policies and coalition efforts working to advance policy. Join a discussion about combining resources to take a more holistic approach to natural resources policy advocacy.  
PRESENTER: Julie Thorstenson

Understanding the Taxation and Reporting of Livestock Transactions
This presentation looks at the ways that livestock transactions are taxed and why the different types of transactions should be reported separately in the producers’ accounting records. Gain an understanding of how livestock producer reports of animal sales affect how transactions are taxed.  
PRESENTER: Rob Holcomb

Harnessing the Power of Cooperatives for Sustainable Indigenous Food Systems & Economic Empowerment
This presentation explores modern cooperative models that revitalize by focusing on food systems, economic empowerment, and community building. Explore the potential of cooperatives in your own community and learn how they can create long-term benefits and community development.  
PRESENTER: Davey Madison

Native Land Information System: Data Demo Workshop
Village Earth will conduct a free data and mapping resources for agricultural and climate Tribal land planning.  
PRESENTERS: Aude Chesnais, PhD, Chase Christopherson

Grazing & Cover Crops Impact on Tribal lands Carbon Programs
The Tribal Lands Demonstration project demonstrates regenerative conservation and the benefits of utilizing agricultural carbon markets on Tribal lands.  
PRESENTERS: Brian Bartle, Ryan Dierking

Niitsitapi Livestock Production Certificate Program
Learn about the one-year program for students interested in or already participating in livestock industries.  
PRESENTERS: Wes Olson, JR Weasel Fat, Gerald Hauer
The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) caters to the needs of 574 federally recognized Tribes and over 80,000 Native producers across the US. Our tailored programming and policy work supports Tribal food systems and outreach efforts throughout Indian Country. The Annual Membership Meeting is the vehicle for Tribes to vote on IAC priorities for the upcoming year that shape our annual Playbook. Membership is for Federally Recognized Tribes involved in managing Indian agricultural resources. For more information and membership inquiries, please email nicole@indianag.org.

Native Agriculture Financial Services (NAFS) is a new nonprofit organization focused on capital access to support Native agriculture and the communities in which Native farmers, ranchers, fishers, and forest land operators reside. We will work with Native CDFIs and other Native lenders who are on the front lines of providing important capital access to farmers and ranchers and fishers.

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

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