

2018 Membership Meeting

*Intertribal Agriculture Council*



LAS VEGAS

December 10-13, 2018

Monday – December 10, 2018

*Pre-conference Workshops*

**8:00** General Registration Begins

**8:00** IAC Board of Directors Meeting  
Studio 4B (until 5:00 pm)

**8:30** Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program  
Studio 1A/B (until 5:00 pm)

**9:00** USDA-NRCS Tribal Liaison Meeting  
Studio 4C (until 5:00 pm)

**12:00** Lunch on Your Own

**1:00** Exhibitor Setup Begins

**1:00** USDA Preconference Workshops

**1:00** Each hour, attendees choose from concurrent workshops

Room 1 Artist Hall E

Room 2 Artist Hall F

### USDA Programs Applicable to Tribal Producers and Land Managers

**1:00** Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)  
- Rebecca de la Torre/Laverne Gene Arizona NRCS

Farm Service Agency (FSA)  
- Arnie Schlittenhart/Harriet Mann | Arizona FSA

**2:00** Risk Management Agency (RMA)  
- Cara McNabb/Robert Smith/Jeremy Not Afraid

National Agriculture Statistic Service (NASS)  
- Chris Mertz, NW Region Field Office Director

### Partner Presentations for Tribal Producers and Land Managers

**3:00** Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE)  
- Fabian Menalled/Al Kurki (Western SARE)

North Central Extension Risk Management Education  
- Brad Lubben NC-ERME

Tuesday Morning – December 11, 2018  
*Conference Begins*

**8:00** General Registration Continues

**8:00** Exhibit and Trade Show Opens - Artist Hall

General Session Opening Ceremonies  
Moderator: Ross R. Racine, IAC Executive Director, *Blackfeet*

National Anthem  
Kelci Bends, *Northern Cheyenne*

Flag Presentation: Indian Ag Youth Rising Stars  
IAC Drum & Dance Group

**8:00** Traditional Invocation: Joe Frank  
*Seminole Tribe of Florida*/IAC Board Member

Welcome & Opening Remarks  
Harlan Beaulieu, *Red Lake Band of Chippewa*  
IAC Board President

IAC Overview

**9:00** National Agriculture Statistic Service  
Kevin Barnes, Associate Administrator

**9:15** Recognition of our Friends & Family

**10:00** Break - Relocate to **The Joint** for Luncheon

**10:30** Keynote - Top 3 Youth Essay Finalists  
Haden Hodges, *Creek/Chickasaw*  
Sidney Sanchez, *Cherokee*  
Echo Ecoffey, *Oglala Lakota*

**11:30** Lunch & Honoring  
Master of Ceremonies, Verna Billedeaux, *Blackfeet*  
Honor Song, IAC Drum & Dance Group

Tuesday Afternoon – December 11, 2018

*A New Beginning*

**1:30** Akiptan Update  
Zach Ducheneaux, Akiptan Board, *Cheyenne River Sioux*  
Skya Ducheneaux, Coordinator *Cheyenne River Sioux*

**2:00** Native American Agriculture Fund  
Joe Hiller, NAAF Board Member, *Oglala Sioux*

**2:30** Native Farm Bill Coalition  
Colby Duren, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative

**3:00** A New Beginning, Our Youth  
Kelsey Ducheneaux, IAC Youth Program Coordinator,  
*Cheyenne River Sioux*

Caucus Meetings - new to this year's event!  
Regional caucuses will be held to facilitate improved participation by our membership, see room assignments below.

REGION Host Room

GREAT LAKES/MIDWEST Harlan Beaulieu Studio 3C

EASTERN OKLAHOMA Robert Miller/Carly Hotvedt Studio 3D

GREAT PLAINS Zach Ducheneaux Artist Hall

**4:00** NORTHWEST James McCuen Studio 3G

EASTERN Joe Frank Artist Hall E

ALASKA Theodore Garcia Studio 4B

SOUTHERN PLAINS Tonya Turnpaugh Studio 4C

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Anita Matt Studio 4D

PHOENIX AREA/WESTERN Johnny Hill Studio 4E

PACIFIC Meagen Baldy Studio 4F

NAVAJO REGION Ray Castillo Artist Hall F

SOUTHWEST REGION Joseph Naranjo Studio 4G

# Wednesday Morning – December 12, 2018

*Making Efficient Use of our Forage Resources*

Moderator: Kole Fitzpatrick, Rocky Mountain Technical Assistance Specialist

**9:00** Export Readiness Seminar Level II (until 5:00 pm)  
American Indian Foods  
Studio 4A

**8:00** Exhibit & Trade Show Opens – Artist Hall

**8:00** IAC Drum & Dance Group

**8:15** Efficiency Measurements in Cattle  
Leo McDonell, Owner, Midland Bull Test

**9:00** Trade Agreement Impacts on Beef  
Allen Sents, US Cattlemen's Association

**9:45** Arapaho Ranch  
Ransom Logan, Ranch Manager, *Northern Arapaho*

**10:15** Networking Break

**10:45** Establishing a Tribal Meat Processing Facility  
Chris Roper, Director of Agriculture for Quapaw Nation  
Beatrice Herbert, USDA Food Safety & Inspection

**11:30** Ranching for Profit  
Dugan Bad Warrior, Zuya Sica Ranch, *Cheyenne River Sioux*

**12:00** Lunch On Your Own

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*The Future Looks Bright*

Moderator: Zachary Ilbery, IAC Board of Directors, Youth Delegate

**Diversity of Youth in Indian Agriculture Panel**  
**Moderator: Cindy Farlee, *Lakota*, NYFSA Board Co- Vice Chairwoman**

**1:00**

**Panelists:**

Keli Warrior, *Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma*, KS

Lillian Hall, *Ione Band of Miwok Indians*, CA

Maria Sockabasin, *Penobscot Nation*, ME

Mackenzie Martinez, *Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb*, LA

Marco Ovando, *Shoshone-Paiute*, NV

Nicholas Naranjo, *Santa Clara Pueblo*, NM

**2:00**

**Investing in the Future**

Bily Haltom

Muscogee Creek Nation Ag Youth Development Manager

**3:00**

**Networking Break**

**3:30**

**Ancestral Lands Leading our Nations back to Ecological and Cultural Wellbeing**

Aaron Lowdon, Program Coordinator

Southwest Conservation Corps

**4:30**

**Co-owner Management of Indian Lands**

Jim Wabindato, Indian Land Tenure Foundation

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Thursday – December 13, 2018

*News from the Countryside*

Moderator: Keir Johnson-Reyes, Pacific Region Technical Assistance Specialist

**9:00** Export Readiness Seminar Level II (until 5:00 pm)  
American Indian Foods  
Studio 4A

**8:00** IAC Drum & Dance Group

**8:00** Exhibit and Trade Show Open until 1:00 pm  
Reminder: Silent Auction Closes at 10:00 am

**8:15** FSA County Committees & Youth Loans  
Latrice Hill, FSA National Director of Outreach

**9:00** Impacts of Risk Management Agency's Crop  
Insurance Products in Indian Country  
Cara McNab, Deputy Director,  
Spokane Regional Office

**10:00** Cloverleaf Farm and Ranch  
Yavapai-Apache Nation Agriculture Resource Dept  
Yolanda Trujillo, Ag Resource Manager  
Dusty Trammel, Ranch Manager

**10:30** Youth Presentations  
Kelsey Ducheneaux, Youth Program Coordinator

**12:00** Lunch On Your Own

**1:30** IAC Membership Meeting - Everyone Welcome  
Festival Hall C