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An Indian Agriculture Symposium

Hosted By
Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC)
and
Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA)

December 5th - 9th 2011
Welcome to
**The largest gathering of Indian Ag Producers in America.**

Cutting edge information in agriculture straight from research, private industry, federal programs and other successful producers.
MONDAY
Dec. 5

10:00 - 3:00  Registration Preparation - STAFF
3:00 - 8:00  IAC Youth & Adult Scholarship Pre-Registration
(Sunset Registration Booth)

8:00 - 5:00  General Registration Begins (Sunset Registration Booth)
8:00 - 5:00  Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP) Meetings (Laughlin II)
8:00 - 12:00  Staff & Hotel Set-up (Vista Ballroom)
8:00 - 9:00  Board of Directors Continental Breakfast (Conference Suite A – upstairs)
8:00 - 5:00  USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service – Working Effectively with American Indian Tribes (Laughlin I)

9:00  South Dakota USDA Organizational Meeting – STAFF ONLY (Virginia City II)
9:00 - 12:00  IAC Board of Directors Meeting (Conference Suite A – upstairs)
9:00 - 12:00  INCA Board of Directors Meeting (Conference Suite B – upstairs)

9:00 - 12:00  Livestock Record Keeping Training – Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona (Reno II)
10:00 - 12:00  Become a Successful Grant Writer – Training & Grant Opportunities with Risk Management Education, Dave Goeller, Deputy Director of the North Central Risk Management Education Center, University of Nebraska (Laughlin III)

12:00 - 1:00  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:00 - 5:00  Exhibitor set-up (Vista Ballroom)
1:00 - 5:00  IAC Board of Directors Meeting (Conference Suite A – upstairs)

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1:00 – 5:00  INCA Board of Directors (Conference Suite B – upstairs)

1:00 – 5:00  USDA Farmer & Rancher Workshops

1:00 – 1:15  Welcoming Remarks (Virginia City)

1:25 – 2:05  Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4
Workshop sessions run concurrently four times so attendees can attend all four sessions

  Session 1: Conservation Programs (Virginia City I)
  Session 2: Crop Insurance and Disaster Emergency Programs (Virginia City II)
  Session 3: Grants and Loans Programs (Virginia City III)
  Session 4: Livestock and Animal/Plant Pests and Health/National Agriculture Statistic Service (Reno II)

2:05 – 2:20  BREAK

2:20 – 3:00  Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 continued

3:00 – 3:15  BREAK

3:15 – 3:55  Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 continued

3:55 – 4:10  BREAK

4:10 – 4:50  Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 continued

Caucus rooms available, please sign up for a room at the registration desk
7:30  GENERAL REGISTRATION Continues
8:00  Exhibits Open – (Vista Ballroom)
8:00 – 9:20  Opening Ceremonies General Session – (Sunset Ball Room)

Flag Presentation: YOUTH


Youth Drum & Dance Group: Spirit of the Buffalo Dancers & Singers, Blackfeet Tribe, Browning, Montana

Welcome & Opening Remarks:
- Harlan Beaulieu, President, IAC
- Richard Thompson, President, INCA


9:45 – 10:20  IAC 25th Anniversary Recognition: Ross Racine, Executive Director

10:20 – 11:00  Keynote: Tina M. Osceola, Consultants, Inc., Owner
Topic: “Travel & Tourism: Building a Strategy to Tell Your Own Story Your Own Way.”

11:00 – 11:30  Internal Revenue Service 1099G Form discussion for Tribal Trust Lands and Individual Trust Lands: USDA RMA – Dr. Ruby Ward, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Utah State University
11:30 – 1:30

**Native Women & Youth in AG (NWYIA)** - *(El Dorado Ballroom)*

LUNCH PROVIDED

Drum & Dance Group

**Introduction & Welcome: Vicki Hebb**, Executive Director NWYIA

**Master of Ceremonies: Ray Champ**, 2008 - 2011 Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) Announcer of the Year

**Special Guests:**

- **Derrick Begay**, 3-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Qualifier,
- **Marty Hebb**, 6-time INFR Saddle Bronc Champion,
- **Joe Beaver**, 8-time World Champion and **Don Gay**, 8-time World Champion

**NWYIA Essay contest winners’ readings:**

“What Should Indian Agriculture Look Like 25 Years From Now?”

- **Jess Begaye Oldham**, Navajo
- **Nitara Cheykaychi**, Pueblo of Santo Domingo
- **J’Kye Wientjes**, Cheyenne River Sioux

**1:30 – 2:00**

**BLENDING PROGRAMS FOR SUCCESS** Cheyenne River

- **Fanny and Jess Brewer**, Sioux Tribal Producers
- **Dave Pesicka**, NRCS Tribal Liaison

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) & Organic Certification

**Tribal Relations: Janie Hipp**, Office of the Secretary, *(Reno I)*

Rural Council Roundtable Listening sessions will be held on a come-and-go basis. Roundtable topics will include food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation, jobs, economic development, energy, education, and youth.

Please stop by and provide your verbal and written input on your top issues! Technical Assistance Network specialists will be on hand, in addition to Janie and Office of Tribal Relations staff, to hear from you.

2:30 – 3:00  **Hoop House Success Story** – *Reggie Premo*, UNR, *Rae Nino*, Duck Valley and *Sandra Barela*, Chair, Ely Tribal Conservation District

3:00 – 3:15  BREAK FURNISHED (Vista Ballroom)

3:15 – 3:45  **PREVENTING DISASTERS AND MITIGATING THEM**

- **Risk Management Agency** – *Grant Martin*, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Producer
  
  - *John Lockie*, Livestock Risk Protection (LRP)

  - **Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service** (APHIS) Grasshopper Suppression Program 2010
   
   - *Kevin Keckler*, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman

3:45 – 4:15  **Ownership Lessons for American Indian Allottees**

- *Staci Emm*, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

4:15 – 5:00  **PANEL:** **Indigenous Stewardship Methods**


8:00 – 8:15  **General Session**

**Invocation:** Youth presentation and Drum & Dance Honor Song

**Introductions Made By:** *Ross Racine*, IAC Executive Director

**Special Guest Speakers:** *Thomas Vilsack*, Secretary of Agriculture USDA

**Janie Hipp**, Office of the Secretary, Tribal Relations

9:30 – 5:00  **IAC Export Seminar** (Carson City I)
9:30 – 10:00  
Long Leaf Pine Agroforestry Project - Alabama:  
Kyle Williams, Couchatta Tribe, Texas

10:00 – 10:15  
BREAK FURNISHED – (Vista Ballroom)

10:15 – 10:45  
Umpqua Tribe Cowcreek Band of Umpqua Indians-Roseburg, OR - Tim Bare, K-Bar Ranch Manager

10:45 – 11:15  
“Cows Eat Weeds”- Marni Thompson, Resource Conservationist, NRCS Montana

11:15 – 12:00  
PANEL: Tribes who have succeeded with & without USDA programs:
1) Shoshone Bannock Tribes - Arnold Appeney, Land Use Director,
2) Klamath Tribes - Leroy Jackson Jr., General Manager,
3) Otoe Missouria - John Shotten, Tribal Chairman

12:00 – 1:00  
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 1:30  
Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council - Jonathan Pyatskowit  
- New TCD Recognition

1:30 – 2:00  
Rangeland Improvements Success – NRCS EQIP - Leandrew Austin, Rancher, Navajo Chinle SWCD

2:00 – 2:30  
Keepseagle & the IAC Tribal Technical Assistance Network – Zach Ducheneaux, Program Manager IAC/USDA Technical Assistance Centers and Anu Varma of Patton Boggs LLP

2:30 – 3:00  
Animal Disease Traceability - John Wiemers, USDA, APHIS, VS Animal Disease Traceability Staff Veterinarian

3:00 – 3:15  
BREAK FURNISHED – (Vista Ballroom)

Breakout Sessions

1) “Cows Love Weeds” continued (Virginia City I)  
Marni Thompson, Resource Conservationist, NRCS Montana

2) 1099G Training: Federal Income Tax Basics: USDA RMA continued (Virginia City II)  
Dr. Ruby Ward, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Utah State University

3) Indigenous Stewardship Methods continued (Virginia City III)  
Jonathan Pyatskowit, Dave Wise, Jerry Thompson, Pat Leavenworth  
- NRCS Wisconsin

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4) American Indian Farmer and Rancher Outreach and Assistance Improvement Project (Laughlin I) - Research Results: Staci Emm, Loretta Singletary, Kathy Frazier, Fara Brummer, Vicki Hebb
5) “Haa Aani and Mariculture” (Laughlin I) Anthony Lindoff - Business Development Analyst for Hoonah Indian Association
6) Horse Coalition (Reno II) — Jason Smith

**THURSDAY**
Dec. 8

**Morning Session**
**Sunset Ball Room**

**Moderator:**
Willie Gray Eyes, INCA Board

**9:00 – 5:00**
**IAC Export Seminar** (Carson City I)

**10:45 – 12:00**
**Tribal Relations Janie Hipp**, Office of the Secretary (Reno I) — Rural Council Roundtable Listening sessions will be held on a come-and-go basis. Roundtable topics will include food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation, jobs, economic development, energy, education, and youth. Please stop by and provide your verbal and written input on your top issues! Technical Assistance Network specialists will be on hand, in addition to Janie and Office of Tribal Relations staff, to hear from you.
10:00 – 10:30  White Earth Land Recovery Project-Farm to School: Food from farm into the local school lunch program – Winona LaDuke

10:30 – 10:45  BREAK FURNISHED (Vista Ballroom)

10:45 – 12:00  Break Out Sessions

1) Alaska Tribal Conservation District Alliance – (Virginia City I) Angela Sandstol
2) USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Navajo success stories (Virginia City III) - Barry Hamilton
3) Agroforestry (Laughlin I) – Bruce Wight, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service National Forester
4) Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin (Laughlin II), Farmers Market, Direct Marketing, Bill Ver Voot, Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems Coordinator
5) 1994 Tribal College presentation (Laughlin III) – Student Speaker Lindsey Deswood, Dine’ College and Director of USDA 1994 Programs, Lawrence Shorty
6) Rancher Panel Continued (Reno II)
7) APHIS (Carson City II)- Veterinarian Service & Plant Protection Quarantine

12:00  SILENT AUCTION CLOSES – Pay for your items at the registration desk

12:00 – 1:00  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 3:00  Youth Conclave Continued (Virginia City II)

2:00 – 3:00  Parent Conclave: FSA Youth Loan Sponsors – Chris Beyerhelm, Deputy Director (Laughlin II)

1:00 – 5:00  INCA - Tribal Conservation Districts Capacity Building Meeting (Laughlin III)

1:00 – 3:00  IAC - General Membership Meeting (Laughlin I)

8:00- 12:00  INCA - Staff Meeting (Laughlin II)
Thank You for Attending

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