



Tribal Food Sovereignty Advancement Initiative: Implementing the 2018 Farm Bill

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 1:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Room: Sierra 2

Agriculture and nutrition programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can have a major role in the wellbeing of tribal citizens across Indian Country. The 2018 Farm Bill included many strong provisions for Indian Country that will provide tremendous opportunities for tribal nations to enhance their agricultural programs, as well as their economies, workforces, and public health. This session will provide tribal leaders an opportunity to hear the latest status of programs authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill, such as the expansion of 638 contracting authority at USDA, the creation of the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, and many others. Additionally, this session will provide space for tribal leaders to discuss the USDA Tribal Consultation on Farm Bill implementation that is being held at NCAI's Mid Year Conference.

Panelists: Colby Duren, Director of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
Zach Ducheneaux, Executive Director of the Intertribal Agriculture Council
Phil Baker-Shenk, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP
Jim Durglo, Fire Technical Specialist, Intertribal Timber Council

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Panel Discussion on 2018 Farm Bill Programs
3. Tribal Leader Q & A
4. Tribal Leader Discussion on the USDA Consultation
 - a. Tribal Advisory Council
 - b. Hemp Production
 - c. Forestry & Good Neighbor Authority
 - d. Rural Utilities Service
 - e. Other Topics of Interest
5. Adjourn