

# The Intertribal Agriculture Council

**About Us:** Founded in 1987, the IAC is a national 501c3 that supports all 574 federally recognized Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Villages.

**Our Mission:** To to pursue and promote the conservation, development and use of our agricultural resources for the betterment of our people.



# IAC Origins

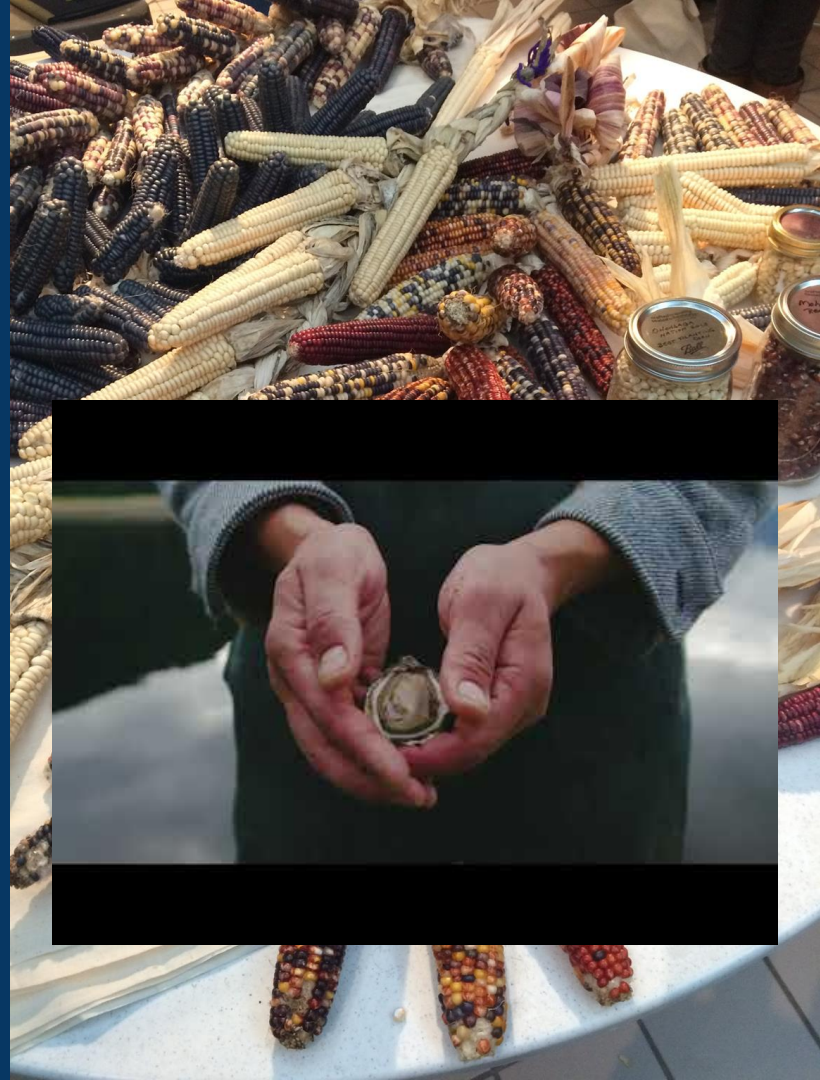


**IAC Charter Convention  
1987**

# The Importance of Food and Agriculture

**Food and Agriculture are central to Native American economies and culture.**

*“Essentially, investments in Tribal communities are investments in Tribal agriculture. Food and agriculture have, and always will be, central to Tribal communities and economies.”, Kari Jo Lawrence, Executive*

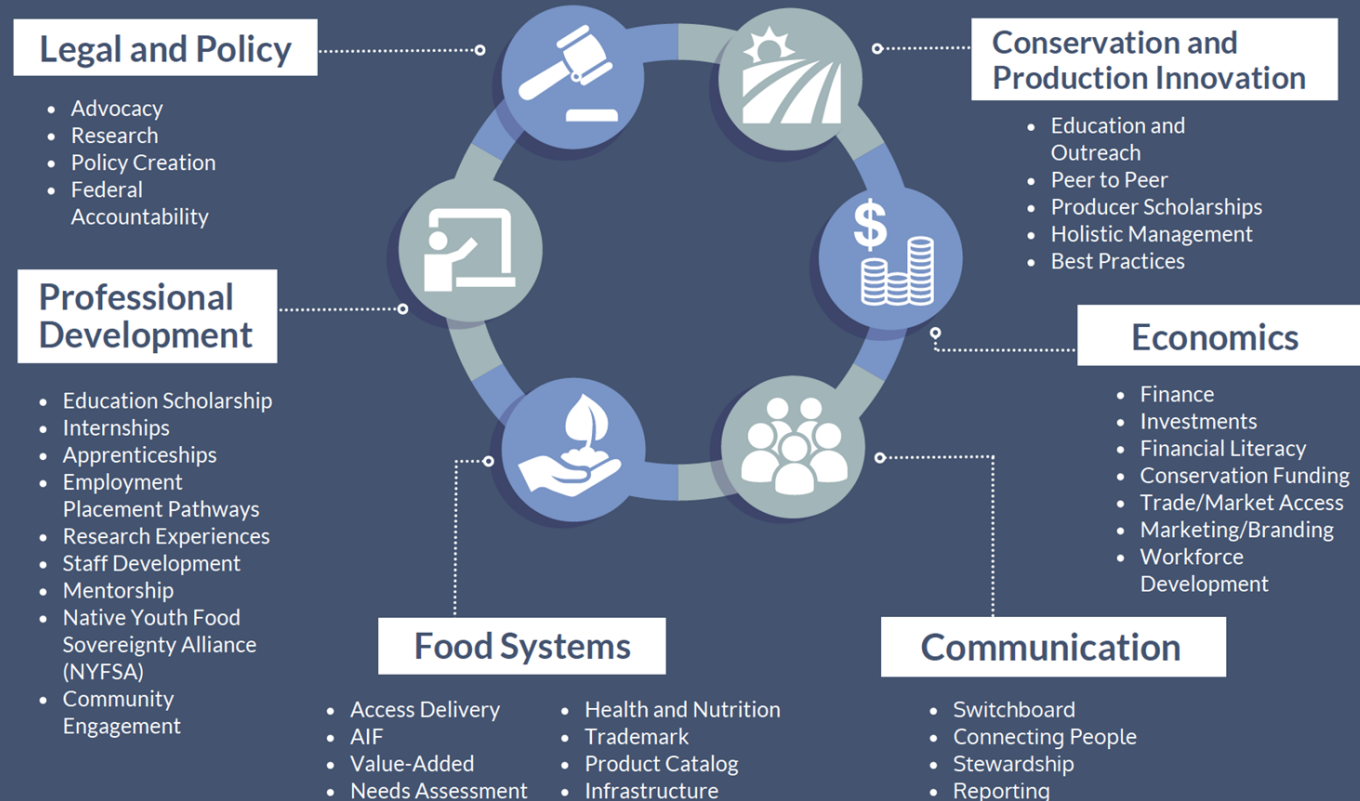




# MISSION

TO PROVIDE A UNIFIED EFFORT TO PROMOTE  
CHANGE IN INDIAN AGRICULTURE FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF INDIAN PEOPLE

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# IAC Stats:



IAC programming addresses **all major components of the food system** and includes the Natural Resources and Conservation program, American Indian Foods program, American Indian Trademark, and an evolving Youth Professional Development program.

- Over **80,000 producers** and the community members they serve directly benefit from IAC Programming.
- IAC's countless examples of programmatic efficacy include (annually):
  - provision of direct outreach to over **7,000 producers and Tribal contacts**;
  - facilitation of 12 major regional **events and a national conference**;
  - the generation of over **30 million of dollars** in domestic and international sales for Tribal producers;
  - building badly needed infrastructure in Indian Country for processing and distributing food;
  - accomplishing conservation goals over **millions of acres of land**;
  - fundamentally shaping federal policy through the Farm Bill and other major legislation to include underrepresented producers.

# IAC Programs

## Youth and Professional Development

Cultivating next-generation leaders with a passion for diverse aspects of the food and ag system.

## Natural Resources

Exposing producers to regenerative agriculture to achieve conservation across millions of acres.



## American Indian Foods

Promoting and training producers to compete in domestic and global marketplaces.

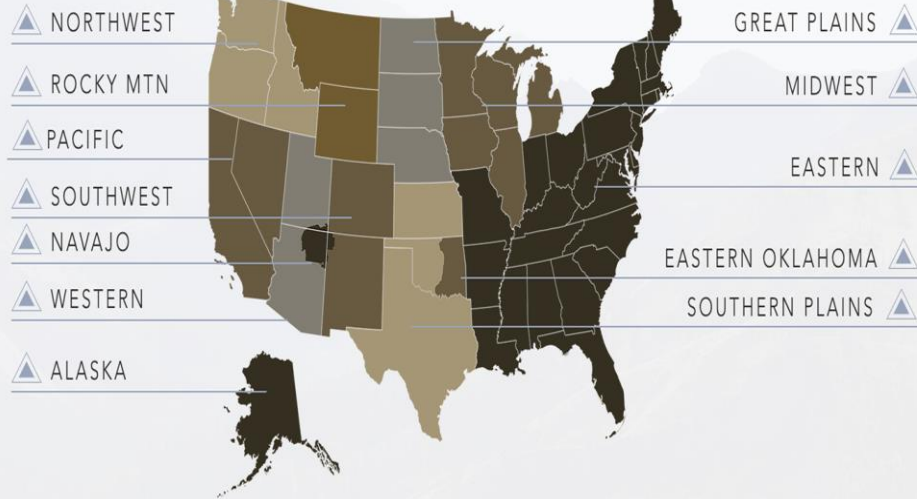
## Policy and Communications

Changing the cultural narrative and the legal landscape through creative media and policy advocacy.

## Technical Assistance Network

The creation of regenerative and just food economies in Tribal communities ultimately relies on trusted technical assistance networks that understand local conditions.

# TA Network Regions



- **USDA Technical Assistance, Tribal outreach, and resource identification for individual Tribal producers**
- **Tribal food sovereignty initiative support**
- **Tribal representation on state and national level agriculture related initiatives**
- **On-the-ground coordination with all IAC programs to support producer engagement**
- **Native youth in food and agriculture mentoring and leadership development**



# American Indian Foods

The American Indian Foods program is designed to work with American Indian and Alaskan Native owned businesses to provide export education and technical assistance in order to facilitate access into domestic and international markets. [www.indianagfoods.org](http://www.indianagfoods.org)



- Export Program
- Native Food Connection
- 'Made/Produced by American Indians' Trademark





# Natural Resources



- **Coordination with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to improve access to conservation planning, technical assistance, management resources, and useful land stewardship tools.**
- **Empower producers through trainings, resources, and direct and tailored assistance to improve the sustainability, health and profitability of their operation's resources.**

# Youth and Professional Development



- Direct support from high school through career placement
- Pipeline Programming:

**YOUTH SUMMITS > PROJECTS > INTERNSHIPS > FELLOWSHIPS >  
APPRENTICESHIPS > LEVERAGING IAC NETWORK/PARTNERSHIPS FOR CAREER  
PLACEMENT**

# Thank you!

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