

<i>Tribal Farming 101: Starting a Farm College of Menominee Nation</i>	
All sessions at the Cultural Learning Center, N172 Highway 47/55, Keshena, WI	
Day 1 – Friday, February 15	Day 2 – Saturday, February 16
10:00-12:00 – Wisconsin Intertribal Cooperative Steering Committee: GoToMeeting Link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/507072013 Or call (312)757-3119, 507 072 013	7:30 – Breakfast: Corn Mush Buffet Freshly ground white corn served with your choice of fixings.
12:00-1:00 – Lunch	8:30 – Menominee Perspective: Food and Community Health: Jeff Greenaugh and Beth Waukechon/Cherie Thunder
1:00-1:45 – Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College President • Ronco/Joey • Group Introductions 	9:30 – Introduction to Seed Keeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessika Greendeer • Warren Miller • Claire Luby
1:45-3:00 – Tribal Grower Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menominee: Gary Besaw, Jennifer Gauthier, Guy Reiter • Forest County: David Cronaeur • Oneida: Jamie Betters 	11:15 – Developing Your Farm or Garden Plan: Land and Business Considerations: Dan Cornelius <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session will build upon the previous session with additional background on learning about soils and other relevant information
3:15-4:30 – How can USDA Programs Support New or Expanding Tribal Farms and Food Enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTCAC: Alan Johnson • NRCS: Chris Borden • FSA: Kimberly Iczkowski • Rural Development: Mike Daniels • NASS: Greg Bussler • APHIS? • FNS? 	12:00 – Lunch: Elena Terry
4:30-5:30 – Opportunities for Cooperative Marketing and Production: short presentation on opportunities for cooperative strategies, leaving time for networking and discussion	1:30 – Grower Perspectives: Farm to Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oneida: Kyle Wisneski/Becky Webster • Chef Perspective: Elena Terry • LCO Tribal College
5:30-6:30 – Community Dinner: main courses provided. Possible to invite community members to bring a potluck dish?	2:30 – Youth Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menominee • Bad River • Native Youth Food Sov. Alliance
6:30-8:30 – Activities & Movie Screening. Hands-on crafts? Make tools? Which movie(s)?	4:00 – Seed Swap and Starting Seeds
	4:30 - Conclusion

Workshop summary. The College of Menominee Nation hosted the ‘Tribal Farming 101: Starting a Farm’ Workshop on February 15-16, 2019. The goal of the workshop was to introduce various aspects of starting a farm from a tribal grower perspective. We heard tribal grower and youth perspectives, and learned about cooperative marketing and production, Menominee Nation’s historic food system, food and community health, seed keeping, and land and business considerations. Additionally, USDA program representatives were there to both listen to needs of tribal growers and to present on the various resources available through USDA programs.

Presenters gave updates on a number of innovative food sovereignty projects happening throughout Wisconsin.

- Elena Terry talked about Wild Bearies, her effort to organize and train Native chefs on indigenous agriculture and traditional food preparation. In the first year of her work more than 16 chefs joined the effort.
- Becky Webster shared the formation of a white corn cooperative, with 12 families farming together for the past two growing seasons. The group is using advanced cover cropping methods, including use of an Outagamie County-owned roller crimper. All responsibilities are shared, consensus is used for governance, and the harvest is equitably distributed as negotiated through the consensus process.
- Beth Waukechon and Cherie Thunder discussed their efforts to create a Menominee non-profit food organization this year, and how this work relates to resisting the Back 40 mine.
- Menominee Tribal Extension educator Jennifer Gauthier shared her methods and findings from a community assessment on food sovereignty.
- Jessika Greendeer from Dream of Wild Health in Minneapolis and a leader in the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network lead a hands-on introduction to seed keeping, along with Warren Miller from the Stockbridge Munsee Community and Claire Luby, from UW-Madison. ISKN and UW Madison are collaborating to organize monthly conference calls this growing season to coach and share knowledge on seed keeping.
- Dan Cornelius shared his growing experience and offered tactics for planning a large garden, such as how to integrate machinery and access NRCS support for conservation management. He provided large aerial maps to farms attending the event so that they could see the “whole under management”.
- David Cronaeur from Forest County Potawatomi shared his work grazing beef and bison. Menominee Nation also discussed efforts to reintroduce bison.
- Jamie Betters discussed 20th c. history of HoChunk and Menominee farming and food sovereignty. Jeff Grignon shared knowledge of ancestral gardens grown over the last 127 generations in the Menominee forest.
- Warren Miller, Stockbridge-Munsee, talked about the Great Lakes intertribal food summits, organized by the Intertribal Agriculture Council.
- Joy Schelble, and two youth spoke on their work to attain food sovereignty, including an update from the Native Youth Food Sovereignty Alliance.

Waqsecewan Indigenous Catering and Wild Bearies Catering used primarily indigenous ingredients for event meals. Chefs shared their cooking philosophies and stories of the food that they had prepared. Friday evening featured a community dinner where members of the community were invited to attend the meal and post-dinner presentation on Menominee health and well-being in a forest system by Jeff Grignon.

68 people attended over the course of the two-day event. Attendees represented many of the native nations of Wisconsin and beyond, including Oneida, Ho-Chunk, Lac du Flambeau, Menominee, Bad River Band of Ojibwe, Stockbridge Munsee, Lac Courte Oreilles, Red Lake Nation, Crow Creek Sioux, Shoshone Nation, Arapaho, and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. USDA representatives from the NRCS, FSA, Rural development, and NASS were also in attendance in order to learn more about the needs of tribal growers and present on grant opportunities. University of Wisconsin and UW Extension were also present, in addition to Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa College, College of Menominee Nation and Tribal Extension educators.

The event was organized, sponsored, and supported by the College of Menominee Nation, The Menominee Nation, the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, the Intertribal Agriculture Council, Menikahnaekem, The University of Wisconsin-Madison, CALS Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, and UW Extension.

This was the first in a series of workshops planned for 2019. Additional workshops, taught by farmers and chefs for farmers and chefs may include topics such as:

- Food safety and FSMA
- Season extension
- Conservation planning
- Developing a grazing plan
- Culinary and value added processing
- Planting demonstrations
- Harvest and seed saving
- Sugarbush management
- Small-scale (under 2 acres) farming training
- Pollinator training
- Wild rice mentoring
- Organic crop management
- Agroforestry
- Collaborative and cooperative business development







TRIBAL FOOD PRODUCER & FARMING 101 WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 15-16TH, 2019

COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION | KESHENA, WI

Community Dinner featuring Indigenous Foods

5:30pm, Friday, February 15

at the CMN Cultural Learning Center

Please feel free to bring a dish or just come to eat

Part of the workshop that is free and open to the public. A presentation on "Living the 13 Moons" and then movie screenings will follow dinner.

This workshop is connecting to additional workshop, training, and networking opportunities throughout the 2019 growing and harvest seasons. Please register (no cost for Tribal members and staff) at iacgreatlakes.com. Limited travel scholarships will be available.



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12:00 | Lunch
1:00 | Welcome & Introductions
1:45 | Tribal Grower Perspectives
3:15 | How can USDA Programs Support Tribal Farms and Enterprises?
4:30 | Opportunities for Cooperative Marketing & Production
5:30 | Community Dinner
7:00 | Living the 13 Moons & Movie Screening

Saturday, February 16th

7:30am | Breakfast: Corn Mush Buffet
8:30 | Menominee Grower Perspectives
9:30 | Intro to Seed Keeping
11:00 | Developing Your Garden and Farm Plan
12:00 | Lunch: Hands-on Food Lab
1:30 | Indigenous Farm to Table
2:30 | Youth Panel
3:45 | Seed Swap and Starting Plants
4:30 | Adjourn

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