With a new Administration, new Congress, and the reauthorization of the Farm Bill coming up, Indian Country has an important opportunity to set forth its priorities on food production, agriculture, and nutrition programs. First, this session will provide an update on the recent consultation meetings between Tribal Leaders and the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and how to continue this dialogue in the new Administration. Next, will be a discussion on what to expect as the 115th Congress begins working on reauthorizing the Farm Bill in 2018. This strategy session will focus on developing Indian Country’s legislative priorities to support our Native farmers’ and ranchers’ food businesses and food systems, improve nutrition and traditional foods programs, and expand Tribal forestry and timber programs.

Presenters:

- James R. Mountain, Governor, Pueblo de San Ildefonso; Chairman, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Board of Governors – Report from the Tribal Consultation Work Group on FDPIR and the Nutrition Title to the Farm Bill

- Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative – University of Arkansas School of Law

- Zach Ducheneaux, Intertribal Agriculture Council

- Matt Hill, Representative, Intertribal Timber Council

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