



**National Congress of American Indians
2017 Mid-Year Conference and Marketplace
Uncasville, CT**

**The 2018 Farm Bill: Investing in and Defending Indian Country's Food and Infrastructure
Future**

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Room: Brothertown

Time: 1:00PM- 4:00PM

AGENDA

A. Welcome & Introduction

B. A Historical Look at Indian Country's Involvement in the Farm Bill

C. Opportunities in 2018 Farm Bill

1. Regaining Our Future: An Assessment of Risks and Opportunities for Native Communities in the 2018 Farm Bill- *A Report Commissioned by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community*
 - Lori Watso, Chair of Seeds of Native Health, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
2. Overview of Farm Bill
 - Zach Ducheneaux, Technical Assistance Program, Intertribal Agriculture Council
 - Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
3. Business and Economic Development: Commodities, Trade, Credit , Crop Insurance, Horticulture
 - Ross Racine, Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council
 - Zach Ducheneaux, Technical Assistance Program, Intertribal Agriculture Council
4. Infrastructure and Community Development: Rural Development and Research
 - Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
5. Natural Resources and Conservation: Conservation, Forestry, and Energy
 - Colby D. Duren, Policy Director & Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
6. Nutrition
 - Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

- Colby D. Duren, Policy Director & Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

D. Congressional Outlook

- Intertribal Agriculture Council
- Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
- National Congress of American Indians

E. Tribal Leader Dialogue: Discussion and Input of Possible Recommendations

F. Next Steps

1. Food Policy Roundtable
 - Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
2. Working Group
 - Gwen Salt, Policy Analyst, National Congress of American Indians
 - Colby D. Duren, Policy Director & Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

G. Closing Remarks

- Ross Racine, Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council
- Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

H. Adjourn