

The Intertribal Agriculture Council



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INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

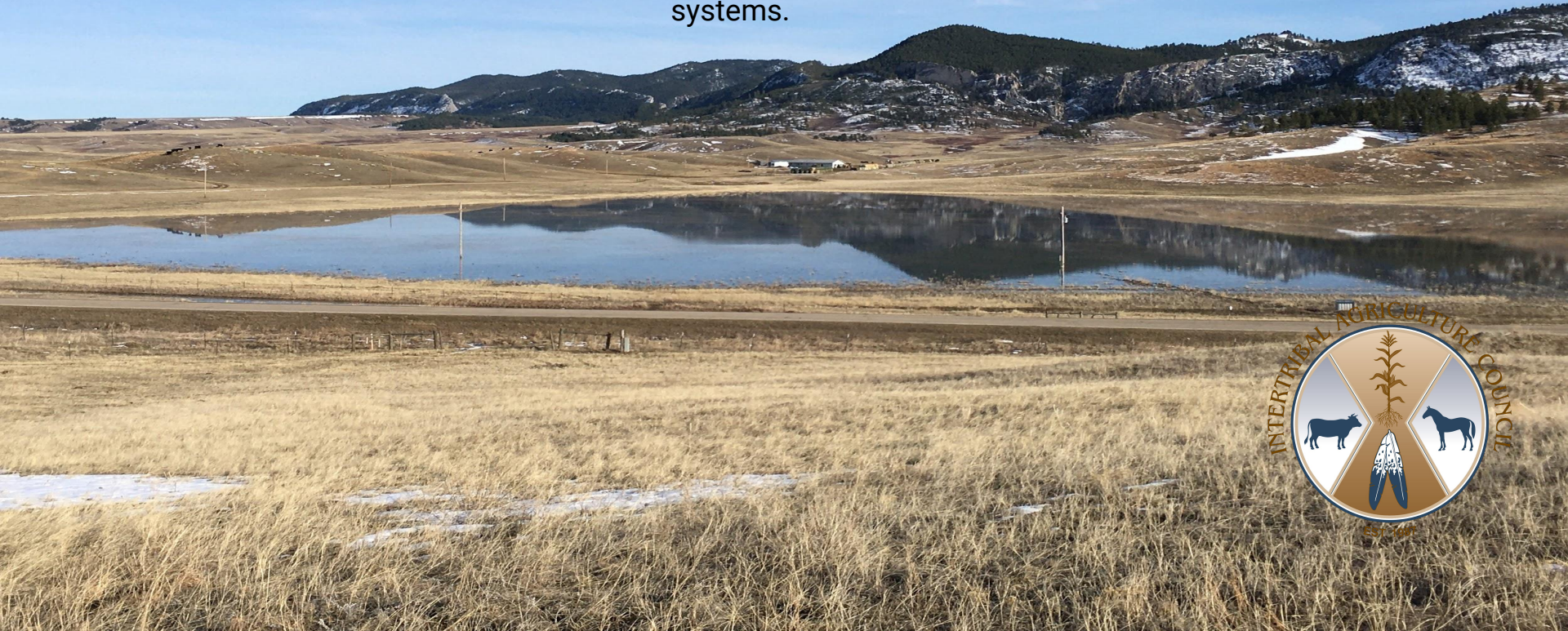
Las Vegas, Nevada - 1987



The first IAC Board of Directors - 1987 - Representing 87 Tribes throughout the Nation

IAC was founded in 1987 with the mission statement to pursue and promote the conservation, development, and use of our agricultural resources for the betterment of our people.

Tribal leaders, in a true expression of self-determination, identified and delegated their representation within the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) Charter, comprising the voting membership that remains in existence today. This organizational leadership structure uniquely positions the IAC to inform policy and USDA programmatic implementation, simultaneously redefining and rebuilding our self-determined Tribal food systems.



Agriculture before IAC



Land-based agricultural resources are vital to the economic and social welfare of many Native American and Alaskan Tribes. The harmonies of man, soil, water, air, vegetation and wildlife that collectively make-up the American Indian agriculture community, influence our emotional and spiritual well being.

Prior to 1987, American Indian agriculture was basically unheard of outside reservation boundaries.

Fun Fact

The plight of the 1980's Farm Crisis, magnified by unprecedented natural disasters, Indian producers were five times more likely to face bankruptcy than the US national average.

Indian producers were disproportionately impacted by a financial system designed to fail them and were categorically excluded from federal emergency aid and most USDA commodity and conservation programs.



IAC TODAY



IAC has grown to prominence in Indian Country and among the federal government agencies and the agricultural field with which it works on behalf of individual Indian producers and Tribal enterprises.

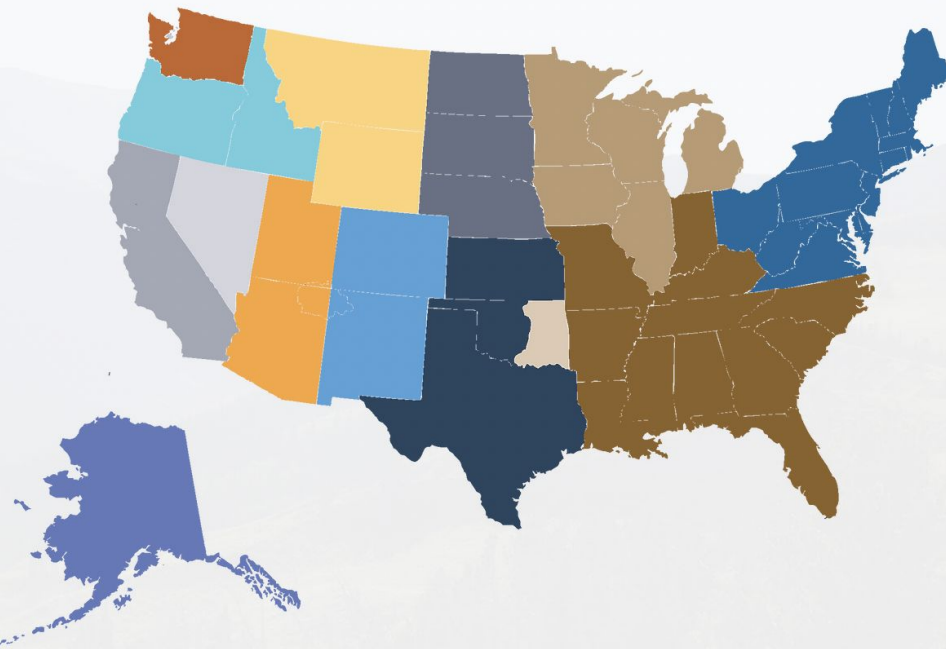
The IAC has, over the last three decades, become recognized as the most respected voice within the Indian community and government circles on agricultural policies and programs in Indian country.

SERVING THE NATION BY REGIONS



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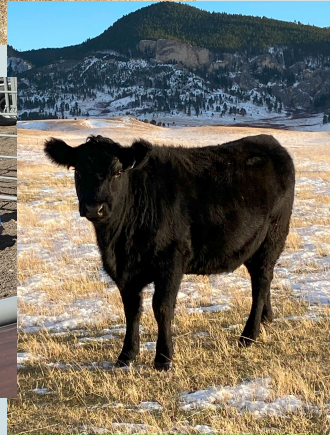
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- EASTERN - OK
- GREAT PLAINS
- GREAT LAKES
- NORTHEAST
- NORTHWEST - OR/ID
- NORTHWEST - WA
- PACIFIC - CA
- PACIFIC - NV
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN
- SOUTHEAST
- SOUTHERN PLAINS
- SOUTHWEST
- WESTERN



Throughout these regions, IAC conducts a wide range of programs designed to further the goal of improving Indian Agriculture. The IAC promotes the Indian use of Indian resources and contracts with federal agencies to maximize resources for tribal members. The following are just a few programs offering assistance and maximizing resources throughout Indian agriculture.



Technical Assistance, Natural Resources, Building Resiliency, Youth, American Indian Foods, Policy and Government



THANK YOU!!

