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NIFA Empowers Indian Country Educators, Students, and Tribes

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) provides funding to schools, tribes, businesses, and organizations in Indian Country to improve life for Native Americans. NIFA support includes grants to the 1994 Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities to support teaching, community outreach, and research. The "1994s" take special care to include culturally relevant curriculum and programs to help Native Americans carry on their proud cultural and historical identity. In addition, NIFA's Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program supports extension agents who provide community-based learning on reservations to help citizens grow their economy, improve their health, and build food security. Research projects address relevant agricultural and environmental issues on reservations.

NIFA ADVANCES TRIBAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION:

ON CAMPUS: Endowments fund demonstration farms, infrastructure, and capacity.

IN THE CLASSROOM: Equity grants fund curriculum, teacher training, equipment, and hands-on learning.

IN THE COMMUNITY: The Extension and Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Grant Program funds informal learning at all ages,

gardening, camps, rural entrepreneurship and farmer education, and K-12 educational programming during and after school.

IN THE LABORATORY: Research promotes 1994 Land-Grant Institutions as centers of scientific inquiry for Indian Country in partnership with other research institutions.

NIFA INVESTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

34 TRIBAL LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES IN 13 STATES

OVER THE PAST 17 YEARS, TRIBAL LAND GRANTS HAVE RECEIVED \$171,382,849

36 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES EXTENSION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS IN 19 STATES

2015 IMPACTS, BY THE NUMBERS

77,746 The number of reservation citizens served by NIFA-funded extension programs

The number of students benefiting from improved education from Tribal education grants **3,919**

128 The number of Tribal college students who were awarded in-depth research internships

MAKING AN IMPACT IN INDIAN COUNTRY:

Leech Lake Tribal College was ranked by Washington Monthly as the seventh of "America's 50 Best Community Colleges" in 2010. It was one of two Tribal Colleges and Universities to earn this recognition.

The College of Menominee Nation added \$37 million to the regional economy, created 404 jobs, and generated more than \$833,000 in tax revenue in 2011 alone.

The **14R Cooperative** and the **Navajo Beef Marketing Initiative** resulted in Navajo ranchers increasing their earnings from \$400 to \$1,400-\$1,500 per beef carcass. The project also led to a 343 percent growth in cattle purchases over less than three years.