Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Agriculture



Hinu Smith

Executive Director



Ho-Chunk Nation

- Four branches of government
 - General Council the People delegated authority to other branches
 - Legislative 13 Representatives and Vice-President –appropriate funding, create law
 - Executive President implement law, create policy
 - Judicial Chief Judge interpret law

The Executive Branch

- President elected
- Cabinet appointed
- 13 Departments Administration, Agriculture, Business, Education, Health, Heritage Preservation, Housing, Justice, Labor, Natural Resources, Personnel, Social Services, and Treasury

Department of Agriculture

- →General Council Resolution
- →Legislative Establishment Act 2016
 - Division of Agriculture under Department of Natural Resources
- \rightarrow Department of Agriculture became operational July 1, 2023

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• Health, Tradition, Sovereignty



- Pre-contact
 - Hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, tapping
 - Followed the seasons
 - Large gardens, raised beds
 - Selective breeding, sand to clay
 - Traditional land management



- Post-contact
 - Food systems attacked
 - Extermination Era
 - Warfare tactics food sources killed, burned, taken
 - Food systems used to assimilate
 - Removal and Reservation Era
 - Assimilation
 - Allotment and Relocation Era
 - Self-Determination Era



- Modernity
 - Reasserting control
 - Creating land and food laws, codes, ordinances, policies
 - Reacquiring land
 - Food production
 - Reaffirming traditional practices
 - Hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, tapping
 - Revitalizing
 - Traditional foods
 - Health, wellness, holistic

Food Sovereignty

- Ceremonies traditional hunting and gathering
- Land management practices
- Food production
 - Tribal and collaborations
 - Community gardens
- Recruitment and training
- Knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge
- Community events

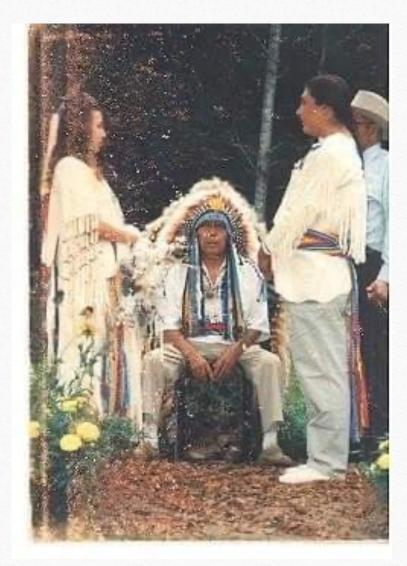
Food Sovereignty

Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.

Indigenous food sovereignty is the right of Indigenous peoples to produce their own traditional foods on their own lands to sustain themselves, their families and their communities.







Resources

Ho-Chunk Nation https://ho-chunknation.com/government/ Intertribal Agriculture Council https://www.indianag.org/ Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council http://wtcac.org/ Great Lakes Intertribal Coalition https://www.glitc.org/ Great Lakes Intertribal Food Coalition https://greatlakesintertribalfood.org/ USDA Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/usda-programs-and-services/usda-indigenous-food-sovereignty-initiative United States Department of Agriculture https://usdasearch.usda.gov/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&affiliate=usda&query=native+american+&commit=Search Natural Resources Conservation Service https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/ Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Homepage.aspx Grants.gov https://www.grants.gov/