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United States
Department of
Agriculture

FDPIR Supply Chain Disruptions – Third Tribal Consultation Session

Office of the
Secretary

Dear Tribal Leaders:

Office of Tribal
Relations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites your participation in a Tribal Consultation Follow-Up regarding the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) supply chain disruptions. This will be a continuation of the consultation held on Wednesday October 9, 2024. The short, medium, and long-term response actions will form the basis for this consultation. Those notes will be published on the USDA website at www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations, and will take the place of a framing paper for this consultation.

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Tribal Consultation Details

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What: FDPIR Supply Chain Disruptions Follow-Up Consultation
Where: Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Conference
Palms Casino Resort
Las Vegas, Nevada
When: Monday, December 9, 2024
9:00-3:00 pm Pacific Time
RSVP: Whether attending in person or remotely, please register [HERE](#)

USDA continues to work urgently to return to regular, on-time deliveries of quality USDA Foods from the contracted national multi-food warehouse to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). USDA's crisis response will be ongoing until inventory levels at CSFP and FDPIR sites and the availability of a sufficient variety and quantity of food resources for program participants return to acceptable levels for all participants.

Since the October 9, 2024, Tribal consultation, USDA has provided an update on the emergency surge contract and quality control, and transitioned the case management team to regional FNS staff by request of Tribal leaders and ITO staff. USDA will continue to implement short-term actions and to publish updated information regularly at www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/supply-chain-disruptions. USDA will also continue to communicate information and to answer questions during regularly scheduled meetings. USDA's dedicated team of case managers will continue to provide one-on-one weekly outreach as well.

The consultation follow-up will take place in person in advance of the Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Virtual participation options are available through [Zoom Link](#)

Agenda: Updated information, including a final agenda, handouts, and proxy letter information will be posted on USDA's Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) website. Please visit: www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations.

Tribal Leader Invitation, USDA FDPIR Supply Chain Disruption 2024 Consultation

Proxies: In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please send the attached proxy form addressed to Betsy Rakola, Acting Director for USDA OTR, via Tribal.Relations@usda.gov by Friday, December 6, 2024. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to Tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee to attend in your place for the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to invite program leadership and staff from your Nation to the Tribal consultation as observers.

Written Responses. If you would like your comments included in the official record, please submit to the USDA Office of Tribal Relations email at Tribal.Relations@usda.gov by January 9, 2025. While later comments will not be submitted into the published consultation record, USDA welcomes comments on this database at any time.

Additional opportunities for dialogue. In addition to this consultation follow-up, USDA invites Tribal leaders, Tribal staff, partners, and the FDPIR community to join ongoing weekly update calls each Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. No registration is needed to join these weekly calls. Please contact Tribal.Relations@usda.gov for Zoom connection information.

Questions and Updated Information. Updated information will be posted on the [USDA Tribal Consultations website](#). Any questions on logistics for this consultation, listening session, or weekly update calls, listening session, or weekly update can be directed to Tribal.Relations@usda.gov.

Thank you for your time and engagement on this issue.

Betsy Rakola
Acting Director, Office of Tribal Relations
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Attachments (1):
Proxy Letter Template