



ANISHINABEK NATION



Strategic Planning for Agriculture

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Background on the OMAFRA TPA

- In 2018-2020, a TPA was signed with OMAFRA.
- The goal of the project is to provide OMAFRA and the Anishinabek communities with education, awareness, and technical and policy support concerning the Province's initiatives relevant to their participation in the agri-food system, including but not limited to the Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Processing in the North strategy and related initiatives; the Canadian Agricultural Partnership program and agricultural policy changes ie. Biogas.



Regional Framework

- In the 2019 Fiscal Year the Anishinabek Nation worked with OMAFRA through the Regional Round Table model.
- Reps of each member community attend a Table corresponding to their region (Northeast, Lake Huron, Southeast, Southwest.)
- Regional Round Tables are held quarterly.
- These tables improve ability of communities to benefit from agriculture and aquaculture initiatives in the territory.
- Tables provide opportunities for information exchange, identification of issues and development of solutions to challenges.



Asset Inventory Project Overview

- Funding for this project was provided by the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario through the Indigenous Economic Development Fund-Community Economic Grant Program.
- Project Objectives: To develop an Agricultural Asset Inventory and Food Mapping Project, and to complete an Agriculture Strategic Plan



Project Timeline

We are here!



Asset Inventory Assets-What we Have

- Farms-mainly small livestock
- Aquaculture Facilities and Projects (Large Scale) 3 Existing, 5 Developmental Stages)
- Grocery Stores (3)
- Food Processing Businesses (2)
- Greenhouses (7)
- Community Gardens (many!)
- Vacant properties suitable for agricultural development
- Buildings
- Leasing farmland to non-native farmers (2)
- Restaurants, convenience stores and caterers
- Maple Bushes (14 Communities)
- Honey Producers (4 commercial)
- Fishermen, Hunters and Gatherers (numerous)
- Natural Assets (fish, wild rice, berries, medicines)



Asset Inventory-What We Have (Consumers)

- Daycares
- Seniors Residences
- Schools
- Food Banks
- Native Friendship Centres
- Opportunities: Hospitals, institutions (jails, etc)



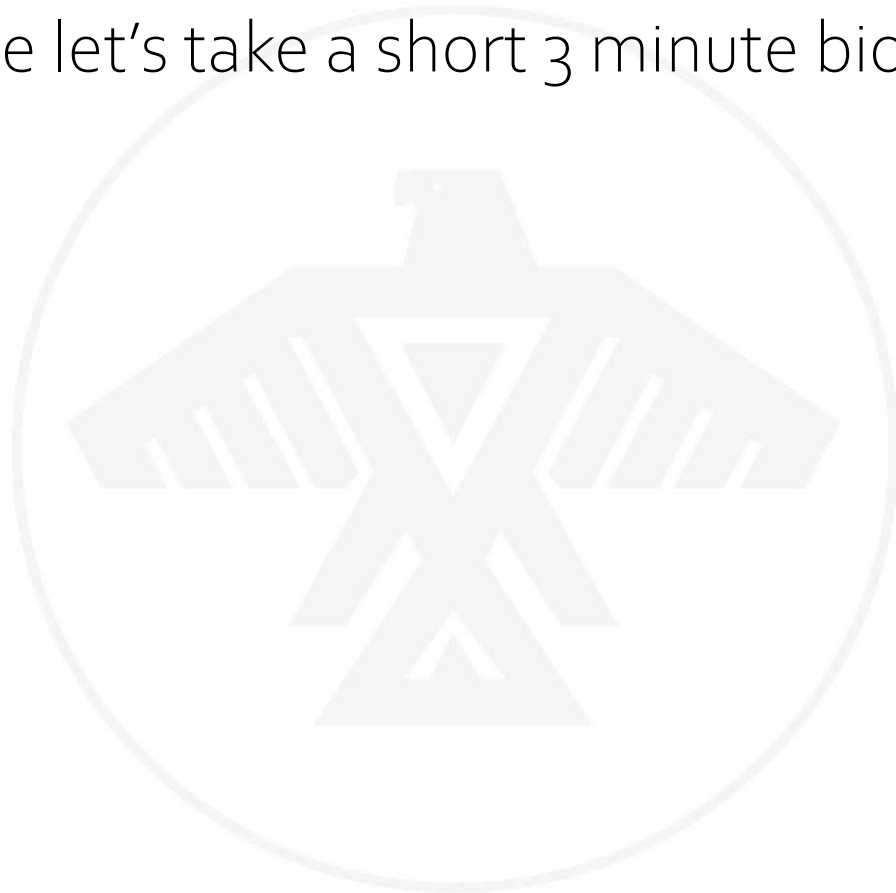
What We Don't Have

- No Grain Farmers
- Few Vegetable Farmers
- Few cattle, pork, other meat production
- No Agricultural Supply Companies
- Poor access to abattoirs



Short Bio Break

- At this time let's take a short 3 minute bio break.



Questions for You

1. How can the AN assist your community with enhancing food security especially in light of the pandemic?
2. What type of education and training activities would prove most useful to facilitate the production of food in your community?
3. How can the Anishinabek Nation assist communities in the area of law and policy around agriculture and food?
4. What issues does your community face regarding agriculture and food (production, processing, etc)



Questions for You

- How can AN assist and facilitate the development of agriculture and food-related businesses in your community?
- How can AN facilitate agriculture and food related businesses off reserve and in larger cities where our members may be residing?
- What types of partnerships should the AN be fostering to benefit communities?
- How can we ensure future agricultural development is done in an environmentally sustainable manner?



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