



# ANISHINAABE AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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***“The coming millennium is not for sissies, but our generation should do what it can to provide options for whatever conditions arise. We have the capacity to provide those options if we can be realistic and if we have the will. The problem is, we who undertake this task won’t make much money doing this, and until the fat lady sings, most of the people in the culture(s) around us are unlikely to be supportive.”***  
***John Mohawk Seneca Scholar.***



Waseyabin Kapashesit, Kara Knowles, Brianna Crowley and Winona LaDuke with Pegasus and Orion, and two row corn planter.

Dear Friends,

John Mohawk 's words ring true, calling on the prophecies of old times, reminding us that humans are just a part of the world, and that we have this opportunity to do great things each generation. That's this time, a time of change and transformation. In our teachings we call this the time of the Seventh Fire, when we are to make a choice between two paths, one scorched and one green. We choose the green path.

In this time of tumultuous change, we adapted by focusing our work primarily in our community. I stayed home, and recite fabulous tales to children about how I used to fly. The children stayed home, and more of them than ever came to the animals, the farm. In that world there is a solace, a relationship and a way of life. Time became different. No longer a digital clock, fiscal year, a moment of an airplane departure, it became once again, the time of the land. We live on our land, we remember our land, we remember our songs, our relationships, our prayers, and our stories. And, we live that land.

**"Our story is in the land. It is written in those sacred places. My children will look after those places. That's the law."  
- Ggudju elder**

AAI had a wonderful year growing in 2020, and also learning the limits of this time. We used to fly, and now we do not, so the question has become for a rural farming project- what do we need to learn from elsewhere, and how do we learn it? We're a pretty new organization emerged from decades of farming in this community. But we have old origins. That's to say that the father who raised me, Peter Westigard worked at an Agricultural Experiment Station focused on improving crop varieties. That was in southern Oregon. Having said that, some of our oldest teachings remain the most valuable, and are passed down from generation to generation.

Now, the question is asked of myself, and many of us- how is it that we best serve our community and Mother Earth? This is our story and our plan. Thank you for your interest and support.

Miigwech,

Winona LaDuke- Founding Mother





Brianna working on wigwam hoophouse at AAI farm. Winona, and AAI Youth from Red Lake and White Earth tending to plants- Tobacco, Hemp, Potatoes

This story began before the pandemic, but it was born in the Year of the Bat. The year that the Coronavirus transformed the world. That virus was from a bat in China, a bat which lost its habitat. We start with acknowledging that it is essential to protect biodiversity and to protect and enhance agro- biodiversity. That's some of our basic principles.

March 2020: It began in the maple sugarbush, the Ojibwe New Year, and continued till the last harvests and seed savings. Now we plan for spring again. This has been a time of great change for all of us, and we've been grateful for the opportunity provided by the pandemic, to really focus on our community and our plants - understanding that the future is made from the plans of now. The words of the Indian writer, Arundhati Roy, ring clear to us, in this time of prophecies and change, referring to "pandemic as portal."

As we relocated, we began to work with not only our community, but neighboring communities, as our farms are situated adjacent to Amish farms. We collaborated in farming, and with horse knowledge.

We deepened our work in the community, relying on our partners at 8th Fire Solar, Winona's Hemp, White Earth Land Recovery Project and Akiing to put in 20 acres of hemp and three acres of food crops, on a collection of farms across the southern part of the White Earth reservation, and into the 1855 and 1837 treaty territories.

We are building a strong collaborative, relying on the strengths and assets of the organizations and the people, to adapt to an integrated community restoration campaign.

As youth from White Earth, Red Lake, and Sisseton reservations were sent home due to the Coronavirus, we moved together into an educational program, first in the maple sugarbush.

That was March- the time of the quarantine at home. We brought about fifteen youth into the woods to haul sap, and make syrup.

# GROW NEW FARMERS, RESTORE INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND TEACHING WAYS



Left: AAI Farm Youth basking in the glory of the giant pumpkins they grew. Right: Out at the sugarbush, White Earth Reservation.

Spring is our new year as Anishinaabe, the time of the Maple Syruping, when our people venture into the woods and bring forth the magic the Creator has given us. That is when we began to understand this moment in time.

Entire communities of children were out of school, and most have been out of school since. It is almost the time again to go harvest maple syrup and sugar for our people, and we are looking back on the food and community that was grown over the past year as we plan for more harvests, and more time together to learn to live and work with the land. It is a time to relearn our traditions and make new ones. It's time for a new generation of Survival Schools, as our people have created in the past. These schools and programs will teach sustainability. We have been very grateful for the support of individual donors, many of whom are monthly contributors, and the help of some very generous foundations- the Heron Foundation, the Tamalpais Trust, Santa Fe Tobacco Company Foundation, Patagonia and the Christopher Reynolds Foundation.

Our work is in teaching young farmers -- mostly Native youth -- how to farm. It's sort of like the "by any means necessary." That includes farming by hand, farming with horses and farming with tractors. We are working on crop rotations of the corn, beans, squash, potatoes and hemp varieties. We also raise many other plants and medicines. All of the youth in our village and neighboring reservations like Red Lake started out here last spring in quarantine, and many have since settled here at the Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute. This has been an opportunity to create a new education system, the one which teaches us how to live. We've been blessed with a group of youth who want to learn about the horses and to farm, growing

young indigenous farmers. We have learned together, and expanded our work to collaborate with the neighboring Amish community. Our youth have grown stronger and more accustomed to the rhythms of working with the land, while keeping their culture alive and learning from their elders, and each other.

Horse Nations youth came a long way in their skillset working with horses over the past year, and are currently training two young horses for a local farmer. They will soon be helping our goats through kidding season. We are proud of their careful attention and devotion to the animals that live and work alongside us.

Our work has grown since last syruping season. We've held educational programs for fifty or more youth over the summer and fall, ranging from murals in the villages to horse camps and field days at the farms.

With the help of Amish neighbor and friend John Brenneman, we have taken on a small herd of goats to forage and regenerate shrublands and overgrowth. John has an interest in raising goats for meat, so we have tried to support his efforts by finding Halal butchering markets in the big cities. We began renting goats from him to take care of overgrown areas on the various lands that we work and care for. It didn't take long for them to become permanent residents. AAI youth and interns have thus expanded their skills in animal husbandry to the realm of shepherding. The team has done a great job of keeping them warm, fed and watered over the harsh winter months. We have three expecting mothers, and will start kidding season any day now.





Red Lake Youth- Migizi and Josh- Painted Pony and Arikara Yellow bean harvest at Hemp Farm.

*“ ... The world is undergoing an initiation...The ancient knowledge of our ancestors and elders is needed now more than ever - as we navigate through times of illness, painful division, and societal disruption. It’s time to call on the world’s spiritual midwives - those who can bridge us to a new paradigm ...” - Angaangaq*

With the pandemic, we have seen our programs growing. We have developed into a youth school and healing program and see this as an essential investment into the future wellbeing of our community - training indigenous leadership for the just transition, from agriculture to renewable energy.

The times they are changing, and we are adapting, restoring our traditional agriculture knowledge, and creating a world of beauty and hope for our future. Indeed we know, that seeds are about hope and promise. That’s the work of Anishinaabe Agriculture.

This year we were fortunate to bring in help- particularly, Brianna Crowley who has been key in building our community food systems. We are so grateful to her.

We understand this time as when we will make transformations necessary to be healthy as a people. Arundhati Roy, the Indian writer, refers to pandemic as portal, asking what it is that we want to bring with us into the next world. We would like to bring our strong cultural teachings, our knowledge of restorative agriculture and justice and create a good path for our descendants, and yours.

Certainly, everything about us has informed us that it is time for change: Industrial food systems are collapsing, economics are shifting dramatically, and now, in this Spring and Summer, this is the time to plant for the new beginning. Anishinaabe Agriculture is working to re-localize a food economy, restoring traditional food varieties which are able to adapt in a time of climate change, and to create a hemp economy. We call it the New Green Revolution. Thank you for joining us. Thank you for your support. We see that the large industrial food systems are in peril. As millions of animals were killed at the start of the pandemic, and hundreds of thousands of acres of land plowed in, it was clear to see the insecurity of this system. Now is the time to re-localize. We know that in times of crisis, biodiversity helps to secure resilience. The Irish Potato famine should have taught us that. This time is no different. Agrobiodiversity has dropped dramatically and now we face a changing climate.

Change is happening, and it is a question of how we adapt to change -- how we determine our destiny -- more than ever.

This is about self determination.

# GROWING TO MORE LAND



Top: Lucille Contreras, Kyra Bingham and AAI Youth shepherding goats for fresh forage and shelter. Bottom: “Grandpa Mike” Buckanaga plants elderberry trees with grandson and nephew at Hemp Farm, AAI’s free community food drop at Chief Corner Store. WELRP high tunnel bed preparation with youth.

We intend to have a hand in our future, and to help share what we learn throughout our territory, and beyond. In this work, we are building a regional Indigenous and local food system based on transitioning from fossil fuel economics and back to a restorative economy, and farming system. In that, our focus is on Indigenous varieties of corn, beans, squash, potatoes, perennials, tobacco and now hemp. As we see the instability of globalized food systems, we deepen our food work in the community and re-localization of a food economy. We are part of the New Green Revolution.

Anishinaabe Agriculture is a new initiative, based on many years of work, focused particularly on Indigenous agriculture in this region, the hemp economy, and training youth farmers. In 2019, we began work as an organization, focused on two farms, and started working to restore a hemp economy to the region; a region where there used to be eleven hemp mills and still the feral hemp grows by our rivers and old farmsteads. With the help of the Swift and Windrose Foundations, last year we bought a second farm and expanded our work.

We went back into our community and began to assess how to relocalize. We began farming some of the land which had been purchased long ago by our community group, the White Earth Land Recovery Project, and we rebuilt a high tunnel and expanded our corn, beans, squash, potatoes and garden production, dramatically.

WELRP is no longer farming this land, so we now work with them to farm parcels for food and hemp. We worked with our community to put up grow boxes for elders in the village, tilled gardens, and built potato boxes which may grow up to 60 pounds of potatoes in a small box. We intend to continue this work in 2021, and will be recruiting community members to join us.

We are looking at how to feed our people in the future. We are also keen upon growing young farmers and gardeners. We made contributions from the WELRP farm to White Earth community meal kits throughout the growing season, and distributed much of the food to nearby villages and communities. The harvest was plenty and the feasts were many.



# Hemp Economics - the New Green Revolution



Left: CBD girls growing underneath the wigwam hoop house at the AAI Farm. Right: Horse Nations youth and workshop participants, mixing ingredients that will form the wall of the hempcrete greenhouse.

Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute held the [3rd Annual Indigenous Hemp Conference](#) March 2020 at the Maplelag Resort in Callaway on the White Earth Reservation. Close to 100 participants attended the conference including tribal representatives from Oneida, Red Lake Nation, Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota, Navajo Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and many others. We held demonstrations including a decortication demo, closed-loop extraction technology, and hosted presentations around hemp fiber, soil remediation, hemp batteries, and hemp paper and bioplastics, as well as other pertinent topics to Indian Country. This year we hosted our [4th Annual Indigenous Hemp Conference virtually March 5th, 2021](#) and had tribal and legislative updates, facility tours, demonstrations, and more.

Last spring, we intended to look at hemp fiber processing equipment in Belgium. Due to the pandemic, we have not traveled and instead concentrated on securing seeds and building an Indigenous Hemp Cooperative, starting right here. We have been working to find good varieties for this region, collaborating with local universities (University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University) as well as seed companies. We secured seeds from Horizon Hemp, these are Anka, a Canadian adaptation of a Czech variety, and we secured seeds with the help of Patagonia from European sources.

We are interested in the restoration of seed stock at a level which will enable us to make a hemp economy, which

means a great deal of seeds. And, there are many tribes in our region who retain traditional hemp varieties in their territories. Our hope is to encourage tribal producers to secure their own seed varieties and produce seeds as well as product. That's this time, and it's beginning.

We're growing Canadian varieties, as that makes sense for our region. With the help of Patagonia, we were able to secure 1400 pounds of European seeds, which we put into the ground and distributed to other Native farmers in our region. We sent seeds to the Cheyenne River Reservation, Rosebud, Oneida, Three Affiliated Tribes, Red Lake and Navajo reservations. There are many tribes interested in hemp, from fiber to hempcrete. Indeed, some tribes have legalized medical cannabis in our region.

Our interest is in ensuring that tribes have access to the best seeds and technology, and in creating a work group to learn together to review appropriate technology, seeds and together build a regional hemp economy.

Our work also includes growing CBD rich hemp plants. That's because we know that there are good medicines in this plant. So for the past two years, we have been working with Sunrise Genetics and Green Earth Growers growing out CBD plants, which are clones. We are very proud of our plants, and of the good things we can offer our community. One of our community members, Terri LaDuke, is making balms and other herbal remedies by using some of these hemp plants. It's a joy to be part of this time.





Left to right: Futura hemp seed heads, and AAI youth in the thick of it, harvesting hemp seed at WELPR farm, AAI youth play an active role in building and sustaining the regional tribal hemp economy.



Left: Cherilyn Spears, Red Lake Nation Farm. Right: Dine Hemp Farmer Earl Tulley



This winter Terri LaDuke and Anna Suter held a balm and salve-making workshop with youth



**“... We are place, we are. Not those who occupy that place. We do not exist, we are. We only are...” - Comandante David and Subcomandante Marcos**



Left: Josh Roy, Leroy Ross, Brianna Crowley, and Winona LaDuke gathering hemp bundles from WELRP Field in November 2020.  
 Right: Hemperor’s Gold-Freshly decorticated hemp fiber at AAI farm

# THE HARVEST

We were able to put in hemp in three fields- at the hemp farms, with our Amish friend John Brennamen, and on the WELRP property in Sugarbush Township. In total, we put in about 22 acres of high quality fiber hemp.

## THE WEAVING

And there is more. We have sent some of our initial decorticated fiber from the 2018 and 2019 harvests to Dine weavers. We are working on a collaboration with them and in supporting the traditional arts.

We see this as an expanding opportunity for tribal growers, particularly as the north is a premium location for hemp production. Our work also focused on investigating possible American hemp processors, which led us to the hemp processing mill operated by Renaissance Fibers in North Carolina. After our harvest this year, we sent some of our fiber to them to be processed.

The horses and our youth are part of healing for our community and they are our future.

This is more than a collaboration, it is the birth of a new rug making tradition. We are very honored to be part of this future, and our relatives to the south seek not only to build a stronger weavers collaborative with new materials, but also to see if hemp can help bioremediate some of the toxic mess left by industry, particularly the uranium mining in areas like Crownpoint, Grants and beyond.

We’re really honored to have shared our hemp seeds to the south and to the north.

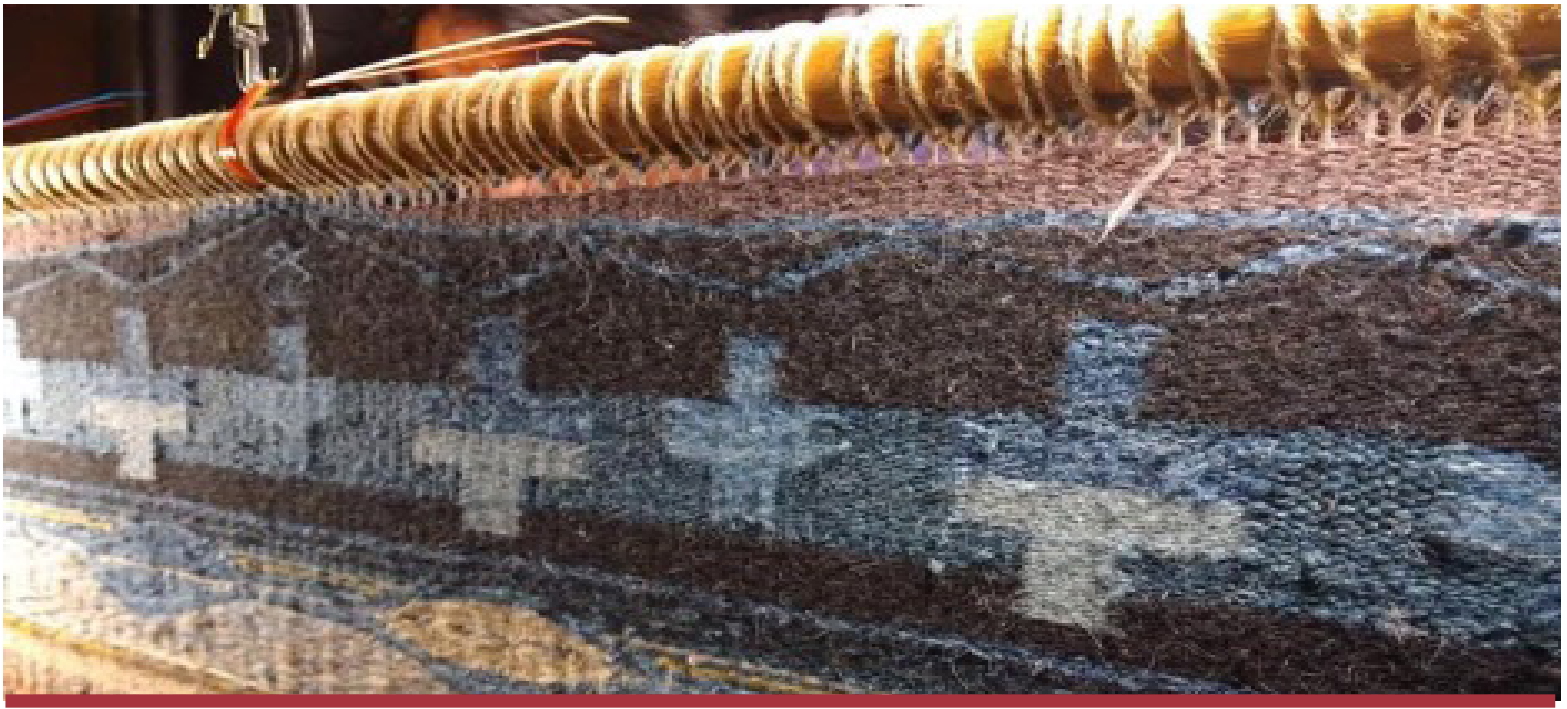
Talking with Kip Spotted Eagle from the Yanktonai Dakota, he reminds me of the Planters Societies of old, traditional societies of seed keepers in our villages. We look forward to joining and remaking these societies, in part with our work with hemp. We hope to work with feral hemp varieties which have continued to grow on our reservations for the past seventy years. They, like us, are resilient.

In 2020 White Earth Land Recovery Program provided Winona’s Hemp LLC. a tract of land to grow 20 acres of hemp as an experimental and education project. The track of land consisted of 58 acres of land of which 20 acres were farmable. This track had not been farmed in the last 5 years and was overgrown with a wide range of plants. We used a tractor and a disk, and put in a significant amount of organic fertilizer. The seeds were provided by Patagonia, and Steff Fibers, and came from Europe. Despite being delayed by COVID, we were able to plant and harvest a very good crop. Six varieties of hemp were planted at the rate of 40 pounds per acre.

### THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES WERE PLANTED:

FELINA	55 lbs	1.4 acres
BIO USO	176 lbs	4.4 acres
FERIMON	110 lbs	2.75 acres
FEDORA	59.4 lbs	1.5 acres
FUTURA	286 lbs	7.2 acres
MONOICA	151.8 lbs	3.8 acres





Traditional Navajo dyes and hemp fibers woven beautifully into Roy Kady's artisan rug.

## FIBER HEMP PRODUCTION

The germination of all hemp varieties was good. There were periodic estimates of hemp growth over summer. We grew six varieties of hemp which came from European sources under the Winona's Hemp Minnesota Department of Agriculture license. Those varieties included Futura 75, Felina, Bio-Usa, Frimon, Fedora, and Monoica. Of these varieties, we found Futura 75 to be the most productive, and we feel has the best potential for fiber and hurd. Our estimate of the hemp harvest in our Futura field was 2700 pounds of hemp hurd, and 1500 pounds of fiber per acre. The entire Futura field of 7.15 acres produced 10,725 pounds of fiber. Production was 19,948 pounds of hemp hurd for the field, the equivalent to 23,770 cubic feet of hurd.

Our focus is primarily on fiber hemp varieties and the transformation of the materials economy. In 2019, we grew our relationship with the Lift Economy, an innovative technical assistance team, to nurture the work in fiber hemp. We researched hemp processing options with our partners and colleagues at Agriloop and SEFF Fibers, looking mostly to the hemp and flax processing in England and Belgium. We signed some Non Disclosure agreements with major processors in Europe, with the planned to send a delegation to see operations at Our spring plan had been to determine technologies, and we did not travel because of COVID.



Navajo weavers with churro sheep wool and hemp, bledning them together.





Roman Vyskocil and participants pouring, mixing, and revealing final hemperete wall.

## HEMPCRETE WORKSHOP

Think of it this way. If concrete was a country it would be the third largest source of CO2 emissions in the world, after China and the US. Now, considering that three quarters of our fiber hemp crop is actually hemp hurd, the stuff of hempcrete, we are very interested in low cost, carbon neutral, energy efficient hempcrete housing. That's our goal. To begin with, we hosted a hempcrete workshop.

Expert hempcrete builder Roman Vyskocil joined us in leading a group of about 25 people from all over the region to participate in making hempcrete for a greenhouse and attached guest house built by our staff. This workshop explored several building techniques with the intention of providing community members with a new/old way to make shelter. We will compare over the winter and spring an assessment of the various techniques in this setting. Here is a short clip of the workshop: [Hempcrete Workshop In Action.](#)

AAI is currently working on a [Hemp Curriculum](#) and other educational materials. This curriculum covers the materials economy potential of cannabis, its uses, history, a tribal history of hemp, and more. AAI presented this curriculum at the 18th Annual Indigenous Farming Conference this March 2021, in collaboration with the White Earth Land Recovery Project (WELRP).

We focused on growing hemp on the parcels of WELRP and small test crops in the Anishinaabe Agriculture and Hemp farm fields. We grew our CBD varieties in grow circles inside our wigwams, which we built to protect the plants. The first lodge was constructed in 2019, the second was constructed by the Red Lake Language Immersion Program. In 2021, we will continue this work, and are working in this area of CBD varieties, for salves and more recently for animals, particularly aging horses, to assist in managing pain.



Hemperete (hemplime) made during workshop with Roman.





## THROUGH ALL OF THIS WORK IS A THREAD OF RELATIVES.

Left: Giiwedini Buckanaga, Orion, and Pine Point youth with miniature ponies. Right: Migizi Inini and Giiwedini Buckanaga preparing horses Chaga and Orion for corn planting

Our plant relatives are our first relationship. We intend to strengthen that relationship. Further, we have a relationship with the Horse Nation. At the center of our work is this Nation. That's to say, that we have many horses here and each of them have an important part of our lives and these farms. The ponies put in some of our corn. Their names are Pegasus and Orion. A young woman who has worked with horses her whole life drives them and teaches us. That's an epic piece of work for some small gardens. The youth work with the horses of all sizes. The youth and the horses are so proud of our work. The mid sized horses are just being trained, and had their first encounter with some Amish horses. The miniature ponies are a great starting place for young folks and bring joy and confidence to the young ones in the community who want to have that relationship with horses.

Throughout the summer some of our horses were requested by an Amish farmer to put in our hemp and corn crops. That was an honor. We are excited for the Horse Nations team to take on an even bigger role in planting and cultivating this year, they are up to the challenge. The horses and our youth are part of healing for our community and they are our future.

While we work on building a resilient community and food system for generations to come, it is also critical to protect the water and land which we are a part of. For the past twenty years, our community has been suffering from an encroachment of industrial agriculture, particularly in our

village of Pine Point, which today has the highest cancer rate on the White Earth reservation. Increasingly high rates of cancer, extreme loss of natural habitat and biodiversity, and the prevalence of household taps with unsafe drinking water have become the norm in our community where we live and work. That is why we have started an advocacy campaign to bring awareness and action to the contamination of Anishinaabe homelands and treaty territory.

RD Offutt is the nation's largest potato grower and a major supplier of McDonald's fries, potato chips, and other potato products, farming 190,000 acres across several states. RDO's intrusion on Anishinaabe lands has resulted in degraded water quality and disrupted food sources, and is negatively impacting our way of life. All the while, RDO has promoted land-swap schemes to conceal the enormous size and impact of its industrial-scale deforestation and chemical agriculture operations.

Much of the land farmed and/or contracted by RDO is located in the Pineland Sands region of Minnesota on the White Earth Reservation and 1855 Treaty Territory where RDO has for decades ignored the public and environmental health implications of their irresponsible and dangerous industrial agricultural practices. Through partnerships with the Environmental Working Group, the Northern Water Alliance, and other community organizations, AAI is committed to protecting the lands and waters that are at the heart of our work.





Left: Winona and Pine Point youth high five at our end of season Day of the Dead celebration. Right: Winona with corn harvest.

## **We wish to thank our generous donors and friends who have made this work possible.**

First to the Board fo Anishinaabe Agriculture, patient and growing- Martin Curry, James Reents, David Manuel, thank you for believing in us. Thanks to volunteers and staff: Bri Crowley, Bridget Guiza, Deb Johannson, Kara Knowles Richards, Lucille Contreras, Bret Bellecourt, Melina Dailey, Kyra Bingham, Ari, Lucinda, and so many more. We want to give out a special thanks to Maggie Rousu and the White Earth Land Recovery Project for their collaboration, land, and their dedication to food security in our shared community.

And thank you to our community for trusting us with your food and children.

Special thanks to our team at Akiing- Ron Chilton, Pam Fairbanks, Darren Klarer, Gwekaanimad Gasco, Nick Belgarde, Jon Martin for much hours and work.

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Those include:

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# ANISHINAABE AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE PROFIT AND LOSS JANUARY - DECEMBER 2020

## INCOME

Billable Expense Income  
\$8,000.00

Contributions  
Grants and Foundations  
\$283,200.00

Unrestricted Contributions  
\$7,557.74

**Total Contributions**  
**\$290,757.74**

Event Income  
\$2,600.00

Sales  
\$2,232.56

**TOTAL INCOME**  
**\$303,590.30**

**GROSS PROFIT**  
**\$303,590.30**

Expenses: Contractors  
Contract Labor  
\$80,572.27

Contractor Expenses  
\$2,135.06

Hemp Labor  
\$26,320.00

Youth Program  
\$10,920.00

**TOTAL CONTRACTORS**  
**\$119,947.33**

Farm House Expenses  
Boarding Expenses  
\$9,166.54

Phone & Utilities  
\$6,203.29

**TOTAL FARM HOUSE  
EXPENSES**  
**\$15,369.83**

Fundraising Expenses  
Advertising & Marketing  
\$179.97

Event Expenses  
\$8,929.56

**TOTAL FUNDRAISING  
EXPENSES**  
**\$9,109.53**

Job Supplies  
Management & Admin  
Expenses  
\$569.69

Bank Charges & Fees  
\$618.51

Bank Stripe/ Sq Space Fees  
\$474.00

Insurance  
\$1,116.91

Legal & Professional Services  
\$3,500.00

Meals & Entertainment  
\$1,437.53

Office Supplies & Software  
\$1,157.82

Other Business Expenses  
\$1,931.38

Postage  
\$1,004.28

Website & IT Expense  
\$638.34

**TOTAL MANAGEMENT &  
ADMIN EXPENSES**  
**\$11,878.77**

## PAYROLL EXPENSES

Taxes  
\$4,027.91

Wages  
\$45,253.80

**Total Payroll Expenses**  
**\$49,261.71**

## PROGRAM EXPENSES

Agricultural Expenses

Equipment Expenses  
\$8,683.80

Farm Supplies/Materials  
\$8,879.08

Livestock/Poultry Care  
\$3,687.06

Livestock/Poultry Feed  
\$7,423.00

Livestock/Poultry Purchases  
\$240.00

Misc. Livestock Expenses  
\$2405.36

Planting Expenses  
\$9,365.60

Hemp Expenses  
\$750

**TOTAL PLANTING  
EXPENSES**  
**\$10,115.60**

**TOTAL AGRICULTURAL  
EXPENSES**  
**\$41,433.90**

Reimbursable Expenses  
\$130.96

Building Repairs &  
Maintenance  
\$2,518.51

Equipment Repairs &  
Maintenance  
\$79.91

Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance  
\$28,421.34

**TOTAL REPAIRS &  
MAINTENANCE**  
**\$31,019.76**

Taxes & Licenses  
\$334.11

**Travel**  
Fuel  
\$5,355.87

Incidentals  
\$161.84

Meals  
\$70.20

Stipend  
\$5,686.86

Tickets & Agent Fees  
\$1,095.10

**TOTAL TRAVEL**  
**\$12,369.87**

Uncategorized Expense  
\$6,815.20

**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
**\$298,260.66**

Net Operating Income  
\$5,329.64

# WATER IS LIFE



Artwork by Christi Belcourt and graphics by Sarah LittleRedfeather

Winona and her granddaughter - The Ponsford Prairies Farm Land  
Photo by Sarah LittleRedfeather



## JOY HARJO THE COUNTRY'S FIRST INDIGENOUS U.S POET LAUREATE IMPARTS GOOD THOUGHTS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO US ALL:

*"Put down that bag of potato chips, that white bread, that bottle of pop.  
Turn off that cellphone, computer, and remote control.*

*Open the door, then close it behind you.*

*Take a breath offered by friendly winds. They travel the earth gathering  
essences of plants to clean.*

*Give back with gratitude.*

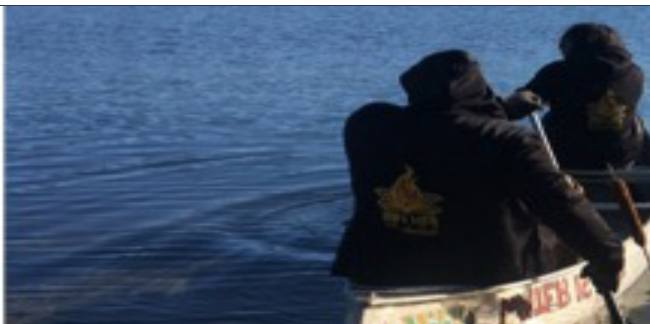
*If you sing it will give your spirit lift to fly to the stars' ears and back  
Acknowledge this earth who has cared for you since you were a dream  
planting itself precisely within your parents' desire.*

*Let your moccasin feet take you to the encampment of the guardians who  
have known you before time, who will be there after time. They sit before  
the fire that has been there without time.*

*Let the earth stabilize your postcolonial insecure jitters. Make a giveaway,  
and remember, keep the speeches short. **Then, you must do this: help the  
next person find their way through the dark...**"*

**We know that this  
is the time to make  
a change.  
The world is  
shifting.**

**We intend to ride  
that wave. Join us.**



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