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TRIBAL CONSULTATION ANNUAL REPORT

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) was created in 1991 and has eight main divisions/programs and has a mission, "to support and promote Arizona agriculture in a way that encourages farming, ranching and agribusiness, protects the well-being of people, plants, animals and the environment while safeguarding commerce, consumers and natural resources."

AZDA encourages applicable farms, ranches and agribusinesses to comply with regulations, distributes grants, food safety trainings, pesticide safety trainings, protecting the public from contagious diseases in livestock, certifying, licensing and training pesticide applicators (for agriculture and non-agriculture), working to keep the state pest free (such as Citrus Greening Disease), ensures all scales are calibrated, checks for credit card skimmers on gas pumps, tests meat, milk and poultry, commodity reporting for produce, implementing the Produce Safety Rule (under the Food Safety Modernization Act), regulates the production of industrial hemp, promotes and encourages domestic and international export of Arizona agricultural products, works on the Farm to School Program, seeks to reduce food insecurity and ensure that all Arizonans have access to healthy food.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

Director's Office

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
To support and encourage the strengthening of relationships between AZDA and Tribal governments, including urban Native Americans.	Invite all Arizona Tribal Nations to participate in AZDA's Native American Council Meetings to discuss and collaborate on topics such as feral horses and industrial hemp.	AZDA held two Native American Council Meetings here at the Department on 8/12 and 9/18 to discuss mentioned issues as well as discuss other issues that we can work together on.
Same as above	Invite from the Navajo Nation for Director Killian to be a keynote speaker at the Dine-BiChi'yaa Summit.	AZDA Director Killian attended virtually the Summit and was one of the keynote speakers on 4/22/21 and 4/23/21.

Same as above	San Carlos Apache Tribe requested assistance as a result of the Mescal Fire.	AZDA worked with Chairman Rambler's government team and provided any information from USDA for livestock, crop loss assistance to the Tribe.
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Environmental & Plant Services Division (EPSD)

Same as above	We were invited by the by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's pesticide inspector to present.	AZDA met with and provided outreach materials regarding Worker Protection Standard to the pesticide inspector to share with pesticide applicators.
Same as above	Invited Pesticide Officer, Andrea Mitchell with the Cocopah Indian Tribe to our Pesticide Safety Training team.	AZDA held Annual Recertification & Training course and Andrea helps teach our Pesticide Trainer Course in providing continuing education to ESS licenses.
Same as above	On the Plant Services side, AZDA was invited by the Gila River, Fort McDowell, Ak-Chin and Tohono O'Dham Tribes needed assistance with dealing with pests.	AZDA, with tribal approval, assisted in setting traps for pests.

Agricultural Consultation and Training Division (ACT)

Same as above	Request from the Fort Mohave Tribe to provide pesticide safety training.	AZDA held pesticide safety training on 4/28/21 at the Fort Mohave Tribe, Department of Physical Resources and Pest Control.
Same as above	Request from White Mountain Apache Tribe to provide GHP/GAP Food Safety training.	AZDA held a virtual GHP/GAP Food Safety Training Course to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Weights & Measures Division (WMSD)

Same as above	Request from the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory Department, Weights & Measures (NNWM) to help redevelop their inspection program.	AZDA certified the mass and volume standards used by NNWM to test accuracy of scales and fuel dispensers on 8/5/21. AZDA will continue to provide training support whenever needed by the NNWM.
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Animal Services Division (ASD)

Same as above	Provide assistance to Tribal Nations affected by the wildland fires.	AZDA's Emergency Preparedness Planner and Assistant State Veterinarian coordinated free feed transportation and delivery offered by volunteer agencies along with DEMA that were delivered to affected Tribal areas that were in need of support.
Same as above	Request from Ak-Chin Indian Community for livestock related assistance and collaboration on what AZDA can provide the community.	AZDA Assistant State Veterinarian, Dr. dePersio scheduled a meeting and continues to schedule future meetings to provide livestock health training and collaborations on AZDA capabilities to assist with other livestock related issues.
Same as above	Request via DEMA for AZDA to work in	AZDA has made its Emergency

	conjunction with Tribal Nations regarding vaccination education and operations throughout the State.	Preparedness Team available to DEMA to assist Tribal Nations moving forward on this endeavor.
Same as above	DEMA request for AZDA assistance for livestock feed support for the San Carlos Apache Tribe during the Mescal Fire.	AZDA's Emergency Preparedness Team coordinated with the Arizona Humane Society to secure excess hay donations to the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

Highlights:

The AZDA Emergency Preparedness Team being able to secure livestock feed for the San Carlos Apache Tribe during the devastating Mescal Fire.

Recommendations from Tribal representatives:

The AZDA did not receive recommendations from Tribal representatives this past year.

Challenges:

The AZDA continues to look at ways to be better coordinate volunteer and donation resources for Tribal producers during wildland fires.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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