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## GENERAL MEMORANDUM 22-005

### Native Farm Bill Coalition Seeking Tribal Priorities by April 1 for Next Farm Bill Reauthorization

The [Native Farm Bill Coalition](#) (Coalition) is a nation-wide initiative to give Native Americans a strong, united voice to advance a common agenda for the 2023 reauthorization of the Farm Bill, which addresses everything from farming and ranching to nutrition programs, rural development and forestry. ***The Coalition is seeking comments on or before April 1, 2022, on tribal priorities*** to be included in its report to Congress.

The Coalition is a joint project of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's Seeds of Native Health campaign; the Intertribal Agriculture Council; the National Congress of American Indians; and the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative. Since the Coalition's launch in October 2017, more than 170 tribes, intertribal groups, other Native organizations, and non-Native allies have become members of the Coalition. There is no cost to join the Coalition. The form to join is [here](#).

The Coalition's research, education and advocacy was critical to ensuring that the 2018 Farm Bill incorporated key priorities tribal governments and producers. The 2018 Farm Bill, signed into law in December 2018 included 63 separate provisions that impact everything from strengthening tribal self-governance and the management of nutrition programs to investing in economic development opportunities.

With the 2023 Farm Bill on the horizon, the Coalition continues to educate policymakers on Native nutritional and agricultural issues, assisting in oversight activities and urging Congress to further expand its recognition of tribal self-determination authority.

***Please let us know if you would like assistance submitting your Tribe's Farm Bill priorities to the Coalition.***

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