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**Date:** March 14, 2025  
**To:** All Community  
**CC:** Governor Joseph B. Herrera  
Lt. Governor Jeff M. Suina

**From:** Earl Conway, Director  
**Subject:** **Tribal Farmers Survey**

**Tribal Farmers Survey Questionnaire**

Thank you for participating in this survey. The purpose of this survey is to assess the interest and availability of farmland in our community. Your responses will help us allocate land to farmers and ensure the land is put to productive use. All responses will remain confidential and used solely for land management purposes.

NAME OF FARMER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: New Farmers**

**1. Are you interested in obtaining farmland?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe, I would like more information

**2. If you are interested, how many acres would you like to farm?**

- Less than 5 acres
- 5-10 acres
- More than 10 acres

3. **What type of crops would you like to grow?**
  - Food crops (e.g., vegetables, grains)
  - Cash crops (e.g., Alfalfa/Sudangrass, cotton)
  - Livestock or mixed farming
  - Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. **Do you have the necessary resources (e.g., tools, equipment, knowledge) to begin farming?**
  - Yes
  - No
  - I would need assistance (YES); WHAT TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2: Existing Small Farmers (Less than 5 Acres)**

5. **Do you currently farm on less than 5 acres?**
  - Yes
  - No
  
6. **Are you interested in acquiring additional farmland?**
  - Yes
  - No
  - Maybe, depending on size
  
7. **How many additional acres would you be interested in?**
  - 1-5 acres
  - 5-10 acres
  - More than 10 acres
  
8. **What types of crops do you currently grow, or plan to grow, on your existing land?**
  - Food crops
  - Cash crops
  - Livestock
  - Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. **If you are interested in acquiring additional land, what would be your preferred method of farming it?**
  - Expanded cultivation of current crops
  - Diversification into new crops
  - Livestock farming or other agricultural activities

**Section 3: Large and Cash Crop Farmers**

10. **Do you currently operate a large farming operation or focus on cash crops?**
  - Yes
  - No

**11. Do you have any additional land capacity available for farming or expansion?**

- Yes
- No

**12. If yes, how many additional acres could you potentially allocate for farming?**

- 1-10 acres
- 10-20 acres
- More than 20 acres

**13. What types of crops do you grow on your land?**

- Food crops
- Cash crops
- Livestock
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Would you be willing to work with other farmers or organizations to use this land for joint farming ventures?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe, more information needed

#### **Section 4: Farmers with Land to Contribute**

**15. Do you currently have any land that you are willing to put back into the tribal lands pool for farming?**

- Yes
- No

**16. How many acres are you willing to contribute?**

- 1-5 acres
- 5-10 acres
- More than 10 acres

**17. What types of crops or farming activities would you prefer for the land to be used for?**

- Food crops
- Cash crops
- Livestock
- Mixed farming or other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 5: Vacant Lands for Production**

**18. Do you currently have any vacant lands that you are planning to put into production?**

- Yes
- No

**19. If yes, when do you plan to begin farming on these lands?**

- This year
- Next year
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**20. If the land was in production last year, will you rest the land or use it for cover crops?**

- Rest the land
- Use for cover crops
- Plan to plant next year
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**21. Are there any challenges or concerns you face when deciding whether to put vacant land into production?**

- Yes (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No

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**Final Comments**

**22. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the use of land or farming opportunities in our community?**

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This questionnaire will provide valuable information for assigning land and helping farmers in the tribal community make informed decisions about land management and production.

This survey will also be available online at [www.cochiti.org](http://www.cochiti.org) DNRC Tab