

## **Native American Indian Foods Introduced at Fine Food Australia**

Billings, Montana, USA, August 5, 2009-- The American Indian Foods (AIF) program administered by the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) will introduce Native American food products to the Australian food trade during the Fine Food Australia tradeshow from Sept. 7-10<sup>th</sup>.

Nathan Notah & Tina Voigt who administer the program have a primary goal to improve the economic situation for the thousands of American Indian farmers and ranchers. "We aim to pursue and promote the conservation, development and use of our American Indian agricultural resources for the betterment of our people," states Notah. He continues to say, "We appreciate this exciting opportunity for us to introduce American Indian Foods that have been grown for centuries to the food trade in Australia. We continue to stress high quality, natural production, food-safety standards, diversity and consistency."

Located in Booth K28 in the USA Pavilion, American Indian Foods will have export ready products on display. In addition to learning about the American Indian Foods export program, the food trade will be introduced to companies promoting their line of Native American food products. Below are a list of those participants along with Tribal affiliation and location, and products:

**Bedre Fine Chocolates** (Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma) - gourmet chocolates.

**Lummi (Raven) Native Seafoods** (Lummi Nation, Washington) - packaged salmon.

**Mighty Good Bison** (Apache Nation), Oklahoma) - natural bison meat and jerky.

**Native American Natural Foods** (Sioux Nation, South Dakota) - Tanka Bar and Tanka Bites energy snacks made from 100% natural buffalo and dried cranberries.

**Native Natural Southwest Native Foods** (Isleta Pueblo, New Mexico) - Anazasi beans, red chili powder and parched blue corn.

**Native Pride Products** (Tlingit & Aleut, Alaska) - fresh and smoked seafood.

**Red Lake Nation Foods** (Chippewa Nation, Minnesota) - 100% all natural, premium long grain wild rice and fish products.

**Sister Sky Natural Products** (Spokane Nation, Washington) - natural bath and body care products.

Foods from Native American Indians come from Tribes in the United States and are grown on lands of the Native American Nations or from their natural waters. Many of the products sold are still harvested in ways defined hundreds of years ago by the American Indian Tribes.

Food products from participants in the American Indian Foods export program include beef jerky, chillis, popcorn, wild rice, fry bread, produce, berries, American Bison meat, seafood/fish, mushrooms, apples, cranberries, seasonings and other agricultural products.

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In addition to exhibiting at food shows, American Indian Foods sponsors Native Tastes cooking demonstrations, foreign buyer missions and press missions. A Native Tastes event was held last November in Kyoto, Japan to introduce the food trade to American Indian Foods products. The program included a presentation on American Indian Foods, dishes prepared with Native American products and a cooking demonstration by a Native American chef.

To learn more about American Indian Foods and the participants in Fine Food Australia, visit us in the USA Pavilion, Booth K28.

For more information after the show, visit [www.americanindianfoods.com](http://www.americanindianfoods.com) or contact Mike Moretti, American Indian Foods' Asia consultant at [moretti@american-taste.com](mailto:moretti@american-taste.com).

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