



## USDA's Tribal Advisory Committee Anticipates Quarter One meeting in Las Vegas on December 8



*Interior of the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters in Washington, DC. Photo Courtesy of the Navajo Nation Washington Office.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Navajo Nation Washington Office will attend the upcoming hybrid meeting of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) on Monday, December 8, 2025. The session will take place in Las Vegas during the Intertribal Agriculture Council's Annual Meeting, with a virtual option for tribal representatives and the public to provide comments during a specified period. The USDA has posted the official notice, registration information, and agenda on [its public website](#) for those who wish to follow along.

This session's agenda notes that it will cover a wide range of issues that tribal leaders across the country raised throughout 2024 and 2025. Topics include updates on national warehouse contracts, food supply chain disruptions, disaster preparedness protocols and shifts in contingency funding for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) participation linked to recent Supplemental Nutrition Act Program (SNAP) changes. The USDA will also review progress on FY 2025 nutrition education funding and lessons learned

from recent ordering surges. These issues have direct implications for Navajo households that rely on FDPIR, especially in remote areas where SNAP vendor access remains limited.

The meeting comes as Tribal Nations await clarity on two larger developments. First is the timeline for appointing three new Tribal Advisory Committee members, following nominations submitted in August 2025. Second is the status of comments received through USDA's tribal consultation on the Department's reorganization plan. The Navajo Nation submitted detailed written remarks last fall focused on strengthening the Office of Tribal Relations, improving service delivery, and ensuring that future USDA structural changes support tribal agricultural programs. Many in Indian Country are watching for updates on how USDA intends to integrate these recommendations.