



## **Sicangu Local Foods Directory FAQ's**

### **What is the Sicangu Local Foods Directory (SLFD)?**

SLFD is a community resource tool meant to connect community members to Sicangu food entrepreneurs, food producers, cooks, caterers, harvesters, and knowledge keepers. Our goal is to 1) connect the Oyate with information on how to access local foods, 2) support and amplify the amazing work of our relatives who are doing food work in our community, and 3) strengthen the local food economy.

### **What kind of information is in the directory?**

The directory will contain contact information for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and community members who engage in work that is related to food production, food preparation, food harvesting, and sale of food products.. Each entry will contain contact information, description of goods and or services offered, and if applicable links to business websites and social media pages.

### **What are local foods?**

Local foods is a concept based on the distance of where foods are grown, harvested, produced, or prepared. The idea is that foods that are grown and produced the closer to where you are more nutritious, and fresh and supports local producers and growers. You can support local foods by consuming foods that are grown and produced in our own community (Rosebud Reservation), then moving out to the rest of the state, region, and so on.

### **What are the benefits of eating local?**

- It's good for the environment. Local food doesn't have to travel as far to arrive on your plate, so it helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contributes to improving our carbon footprint.
- It benefits the local economy, including supporting local farmers and other producers.
- It encourages sustainable agriculture, and facilitates tracking the supply chain back to the point of origin to evaluate ecological practices.



- It may have a higher nutrient value, as food that is grown and harvested locally is usually given more time to ripen.
- We might be biased, but we think eating local foods just tastes better.

### **If I am a Hunting Guide, can I submit a listing?**

For the purpose of this directory, we will not be accepting listings for hunting guide services. Hunting guide services definition includes but is not limited to “RST tribal members that guide clients on hunting trips.”

### **Who is this resource for?**

This resource is for anyone living on Rosebud who is interested in supporting local food businesses and entrepreneurs; and who are interested in learning more about local and indigenous foods. This resource is also for any small/local business, entrepreneur, or community member whose work is food and agriculture focused.

### **When is the Directory going to be available?**

The Directory will be released on March 21st

### **Is there a deadline for me to submit my listing**

March 14th is when we will be pausing to add all listings to be able to publish the directory by the 21st of March. People can still add their listings after this date, but may be delayed until we are able to update the directory.

### **How often is the directory updated?**

The SLFD will be updated quarterly (every 3 months), unless we are able to update them sooner.

### **How can I submit a listing?**



Individuals can make updates to their listing by going to the survey at [www.sicangucdc.org/local-food-directory](http://www.sicangucdc.org/local-food-directory). While on the survey individuals can select that they are a new listing. They will then be taken to a section on the survey where they can input all pertinent information. An email address is required in order to add a listing to the director. Emails will be the primary means of communication between SCDC-FSI and individuals submitting listings.

### **How do I make an update?**

Individuals can make updates to their listing by going to the survey link. While on the survey individuals can select the “update my listing” option. They will be taken to the section of the survey where they can submit their updated information. Once this happens, a staff member will make the updates on the directory and send to the individual for confirmation before publishing.

### **Where can I find this directory?**

The Sicangu Local Foods Directory can be found on the SCDC website, [www.sicangucdc.org/local-food-directory](http://www.sicangucdc.org/local-food-directory).

### **Do I have to have a business license in order to be listed in the directory?**

Tribal business licenses are not required in order to be added to the directory. However, SCDC-FSI highly encourages entrepreneurs to apply and keep their tribal business licenses and any other relevant documentation on hand in accordance with RST Ordinance No. 88-10 which imposes a license requirement for a “person” doing business on the Rosebud Reservation.

### **Who is managing or overseeing this resource?**

The SLFD is managed and operated by the Sicangu Community Development Corporation - Food Sovereignty Initiative Program, a community development initiative whose goal is to spark a prairie fire food movement to indigenize our food system. For more information contact Karen Moore (FSI Market Coordinator) at [Karen.Moore@sicangucorp.com](mailto:Karen.Moore@sicangucorp.com) or Franky Young (FSI Community Empowerment Coordinator) at [Alan.Young@sicangucorp.com](mailto:Alan.Young@sicangucorp.com). You can also message our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/sicangucdc](http://www.facebook.com/sicangucdc).