



# ONEIDA FARMER'S MARKET

## MOVED TO NEW LOCATION N7284 CTH J., ONEIDA, WI

edge and awareness in food and agriculture, thanks to a grant from the Native American Agricultural Fund, we were able to hold 6 hands on workshop for 16 community youth between the ages of 12 years to 17 years. We started the 'Youth of Today are Farmers of Tomorrow' workshops in April and that continued through September.

MAY- Tsyunhehkwa hosted its Annual Seed and Plant giveaway. They had over 250 community members participate in this wonderful community event.

The Oneida Apple Orchard decided to not spray any herbicides or pesticides on the Orchard. This decision was not made easily, but it aligns the Apple Orchard's agricultural methods with Oneida's traditional farming methods. Please watch for additional articles explaining the reasoning and the differences they make on the community's health.

JUNE- The Oneida Farmers Market started its 21st season. the weather was almost perfect the entire season. As usual we offered EBT service with the Double Your Bucks Program. We also had our weekly 10 pounds of Oneida Black Angus burger giveaway and several activities such as: Youth Planting, Native American Games presentation, Nutrition education, and on July 20th brought back our first Farmers Market Bash since the pandemic. In addition to our Thursday's markets, we also participated in the Oneida Nation 200th anniversary in July, the Apple Orchard's Two-Family Fun Days in September, and Tsyunhehkwa's Harvest Fest in October.

SEPTEMBER- The OCIFS members hosted the International Chefs Tour where there were 14 International Chefs and Food Influencers from Qatar, El Salvador. Dubai, South Africa, Thailand, Algeria, Argentina, Turkey and Kuwait. That wanted to tour Wisconsin's food industry and specifically the Oneida Nation's Food Sovereignty resources.

Another year has gone by, and the Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems (OCIFS) members had another busy year. We started out 2023 with the Oneida Cannery offering a drive through lunch and ended the season with Tsyunhehkwa's Harvest and Husking Bee.

DECEMBER 2022- The Oneida Cannery hosted a free drive-through lunch for the Oneida Community. They had 400 community members participate in this wonderful event.

JANUARY 2023- The Oneida Pantry hosted a free lunch for 150 community members at the Radisson for a screening of the food documentary 'What Were Hungry For: How Food Pantries Fed Rural Wisconsin During The Pandemic'.

In addition, that same day the OCIFS members participated in the 2023 Oneida Nation Health and Wellness Expo at the Oneida Family Center on West Point Road.

MARCH- Thanks to a 2-year grant from Sustainable, Ag, Research and Education (SARE), we hosted monthly community composting workshops for 12 community members per workshop. We hosted 4 workshops and had a total of 45 community members participate throughout the workshop season.

APRIL- To increase Oneida youth's knowl-







In addition, the Oneida Apple Orchard started the 'Pick Your Own' season as well as hosted the Orchard's Two-Family Fun Days.

OCTOBER- Tsyunhehkwa hosted its 30th Annual Harvest and Husking Bee. They had numerous free educational and entertainment opportunities available to the community members. As well as free white corn soup and apple cider tasting, corn husk doll making, husking and braiding opportunities and wagon rides.

NOVEMBER- The Oneida Cannery has one of their busiest months in November due to the holidays. They processed around 1,500 lbs. of White Corn in this month alone. This produced around 700 Kanastohale Community Holiday Cornbread orders and orders for Oneida retail outlets. In addition to the Kanastohale, they provided the retail outlets with other corn products like their dehydrated white corn and corn flours.

The OCIFS members consist of: Oneida Nation Farm, Apple Orchard, Oneida Food Distribution, Oneida School Food Service, Tsyunhehkwa, Oneida Pantry and Cannery. Finally, the OCIFS members would like to thank the numerous departments and community members who assisted in making these projects a huge success this past year.

ONEIDA FARMERS MARKET UPDATE due to construction at our usual site, the 2024 Oneida Farmers Market will move to N7284 County Road J (across the road from the Hwy 54 One Stop where Grandma's Diner use to be). It will still be on Thursdays from Noon-6pm starting June 13, 2024.

Picture 1: Composting Workshop in June



Picture 2: Youth Ag Workshop planting in June



Picture 3: 4-H Project completed





Picture 4: OFM at Oneida 200th celebration Family Fun Day in July 29, 2023



Picture 5: OFM at Orchard Family Fun Day in Sept.

