## Environmental, Land, & Agriculture Division



# \*\*NOTICE TO ALL SPORTSMEN\*\*

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We are asking that all hunters and hunting parties please be mindful, that NOT all the fields and/or properties, particularly agricultural fields, are void of crops or established plantings. The Oneida Nation has several agricultural fields being utilized by the Oneida Nation Farm (ONF), Tsyunhekwa Farm (TSY Farm), the Oneida Apple Orchard, and several ag leasing tenants farming on agricultural property. One common practice to improve soil health is the planting of cover crops during the early fall. The planting needs to be established and growing prior to winter. Any traffic during this time can negatively impact the cover crop. The Nation also has numerous properties with restoration projects through partnerships with various agencies, that may have requirements on land uses.

We encourage and support all outdoor activities and strive to have a safe and secure hunting season. Please be aware that we ask that you be especially careful around the chickens, beef, and buffalo pastures where animals are grazing. **Do not open any gates or drive in any grazing pastures.** Pastures that can be entered to walk across will be left open for hunter access. Pastures with animals in the field for beef or buffalo, we request that you **DO NOT** enter any of these pastures. Access to the Orchard is allowed outside of business hours when employees are not working in the field. Chickens in the Orchard should be left undisturbed. All pasture fences are electric, please do not touch, move, or open any grazing pasture fencing.

To ensure that these requirements are being met, please be aware that individuals in violation of the rules such as driving across fields, driving off established lanes, etc. will be cited for any/all violation(s) that occur on these properties.

#### Violation

52. Damaging property, Agricultural Crops, Or Restoration Areas.

### Sanction

1<sup>st</sup> violation - \$300.00 fine and loss of license for one (1) year, Total damage assessment costs.

2<sup>nd</sup> violation - \$600.00 fine and loss of license for Two (2) year, Total damage assessment costs.

Questions regarding permission to access a tribally leased property:

\*Oneida Nation Farm\* (920) 833-7952 \*Oneida Apple Orchard\* (920) 621-0905 \*Division of Land Management\* (920) 869-6500 \*Tsyunhekwa Farm\* (920) 370-3151 For individual ag lease holders please be sure to get permission before crossing leased land. Staff are being informed to contact the Oneida Conservation Department or the Oneida Police Department to report any/all illegal activities.

The purpose of this notification is to maintain our long-term relationships to our community, respect current agricultural lease/land agreements, and protect the Nation's obligations. Your cooperation and assistance are a benefit to not only the land, but everyone involved in the utilization of the land.

We are asking everyone to use the proper judgement, obtain permission, and utilize established laneways to access tribal property.

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