MN CHIPPEWA TRIBE
FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Manoomin (wild rice) is a spiritual food to Anishinaabe—a gift from the Creator. Wild rice is also highly nutritious—high in protein, the amino acid lysine, dietary fiber, and low in fat. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe purchases and processes wild rice from gatherers who harvest on lakes located on or near the Leech Lake Reservation, providing education and manoomin to nearby schools for meals and learning.

Intended Impacts:
• Share the cultural importance of manoomin with children and educators
• Serve students healthy foods at school harvested by tribal members
• Provide income to tribal families

Related Food Charter Strategies:
• Feature healthy food from diverse cultural traditions in school meals
• Secure resources for tribal nations to develop businesses that support harvesting wild rice

“We take pride in the fact that we have a naturally organic product that has remained the same for generations.”

George J. Goggleye Jr., Human Services Director, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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