Hoop Houses, Grants, & Food Sovereignty for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

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The University of NV Cooperative Extension (UNCE) Native Programs partnered with Barrick Gold in Yr. 2018 to leverage funds to purchase & construct two hoop houses at the Duck Valley Head Start center.

In 2017 UNCE Native Programs purchased & constructed a hoop house for the Owyhee Presbyterian church.

All three hoop houses will provide farm fresh produce for the annual Duck Valley farmers market.
Program info

• UNCE Native Programs has been providing outreach & education to agriculture producers on the Duck Valley reservation since 2010

• The hoop house projects had started out as a demonstration project in 2011 to gather interest from not only Duck Valley but all NV tribes, bands, and communities

• Out of all Nevada tribes, Duck Valley leads the way with 11 family owned, 3 community, and 2 hoop houses at our Owyhee Schools for a total of 16 hoop houses

• In 2017 UNCE purchased a 20’ x 48’ hoop house kit from Oregon Valley manufacturers & constructed this unit at the Owyhee Presbyterian church.
Program info (cont.)

• Half of the produce from the Presbyterian church will go towards the local farmers market.

• For the hoop houses recently constructed, the smaller of the two units is 20’ x 20’ and will be used by the Duck Valley Head Start for educating pre-school age children during school & to provide produce for the farmers market in the summer/fall.

• The larger unit a 20’ x 48’ will sustain an annual farmers market & for will provide education for the community with an emphasis on food sovereignty.
Involving the programs and community

• The construction of the two hoop houses took place on June 20-24, 2018 at a designated lot near the Duck Valley Head center 2 miles north of Owyhee, NV
• Reggie Premo & Victor Williams both UNCE Outreach staff provided their expertise, guidance, & technical assistance during the construction phase
• Ray Johnson a commercial hoop house grower also provided TA during the construction phase as well tips on his knowledge of growing tips from planting through harvest
UNCE Native Programs hired three part-time workers for the summer of 2018. They are Rhiannon Nino, Mariah Gonzales, & Robert Sam who assisted with this project.

Shanina Hicks a student currently enrolled at BSU also assists our programs as a college intern for the summer months.

During the construction phase we utilized our Tribal Summer Youth Program with eight youth and three Youth Coordinators.

We also had several volunteers throughout the week.

It was as great feeling knowing we had accomplished this project we’ve been talking about for a few years.
Finished Hoop House
Churches Hoop House Planting
The Duck Valley Farmers Market was established in the late summer of 2016.
Shoshone Paiute Tribes Summer Youth Workers.
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