



# "Adopt-A-Sonoran-Desert-Crop" Program

**Goal:** Increase awareness, access to and knowledge of production and consumption of the draught-tolerant and highly-nutritious heirloom crops of the Sonoran Desert.

## **Activities:**

- Outreach and education to adults and youth in Ajo, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Arizona
  - Growers participation in seed preservation ("seed saving")
- Organizational outreach and education ("train-the-trainer" programming)
- Preservation of the genetic stock of traditional Native American crops via growing trials at dry-land fields and irrigated gardens
- Revitalization of the dry-land "ak chin" farming methods (demonstration fields at the Ajo Roping Arena, New Fields community on the Tohono O'odham Nation, and Pancho Farms on the Tohono O'odham Nation.)
- Sharing best practices with other growers and communities through an on-line resource library, social media campaign, workshops and growers networking opportunities, including the the O'odham Farmers Market and the Southwest Native Foodways Gathering's in collaboration with other Native organizations.

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