

# SEED DATABASE

With new seed varieties comes new teachings, and new expressions of indigenous agriculture.

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## WHY A SEED DATABASE?

We believe a community's right to sustain sovereign seed databases is essential to the longevity and health of our food kinship. While historically, this has been done orally, the adaptation of new tools into storytelling and documenting remains critical to the future of food.



## PRESERVING

Seed genetics in indigenous communities present richness in higher nutritional profiles. Our seeds are not saved only for hardiness and to ensure an abundant harvest. But for flavor, color, texture, and even smell.

# METHODS OF SAVING

Each community, depending on their location and weather patterns has a different agricultural calendar. That will also determine the specific seed saving methods. It is always good to lend a hand to someone in our community that might preserve these teachings. In our seed inventory we find useful to include the elements that allow each variety to thrive while resting and while actively growing. We are resourceful people!



# METHODS OF STORAGE

Across the world seeds prefer a dark, moist free, non fast changing temperature, our dedication to how we store seeds is seen through the incredible structures around the world. Some of the ones we've used are clay based, and we constantly challenge ourselves to try out new storage methods (given we have the capacity to spare more seed for that purpose).



# ENGAGEMENT

Seeds are bold travelers, our relations, a piece of our history. Engaging in community in these processes makes us well. Prioritizing ethical storytelling, protocol at gatherings, and examining how we show up for each other are core bases of being human.

