

Menominee Seasons

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Portage County is part of the homelands of the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Potawatomi, and Ojibwe peoples. Each group had a different relationship with the Earth. This connection to the land can be seen in the names of their months, or moons. Fill in the sentences below using the key to find out more about the Menominee year.

strawberry squash berry rice snow onions
fish deer maple bogs corn beans

1. January is Hand Shaking Moon. It is a time to share stories and eat food grown in gardens, like _____.



2. February is Sucker Moon when Menominee ice _____ on the lakes.

3. March is Crusted Snow Moon, when the _____ is good for snowshoeing.

4. April is Sugar Making Moon. Sap flows in the _____ trees.



5. May is Budding Moon. Everything is growing and the weather is getting warm. Wild _____, or ramps, appear in the woods.

6. June is _____ Moon.



7. July is Half Summer Moon and wild _____ time .



8. August is Blueberry Moon or _____ Moon.

9. September is Threshing Moon, when wild _____ is gathered.

10. October is Falling Leaves Moon when firewood is gathered and cranberries are harvested from _____.



11. November is Freezing Moon. It is time to hunt _____.



12. December is Night Moon. A 13th moon is called Young Bear Moon. During these months, winter _____ is eaten.