



Welcome to the AITC-SK Fall newsletter. There is nothing better than a beautiful harvest day with a slight breeze and the sun shining. Harvest is a special time on the farm—the pace is hectic, the days long, sometimes the crop yields are encouraging, other times disappointing. At the end of the day there is a satisfaction in knowing the crops the farmers put so much time and effort into will be used all over the world. While harvest is wrapping up for farmers the school year is just beginning for you! We are excited about the upcoming school year and working hard to provide resources and programs you will find useful in the classroom. We wish you a great year! If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Sara at 306-933-5224 or e-mail at programs@aitc.sk.ca.

Special Thanks to the following organizations who sponsored the 2007 Roadshow.



2007 AGRICULTURE ROADSHOW FOR TEACHERS

*Food: Blending Science
and Passion*

Our Roadshow this year was a huge success as teachers from across the province explored Saskatchewan food from labs to farms to processing plants to the table! Some key highlights this year included a session on Functional Foods, an early morning milking on a dairy farm, a tour of an apiculture operation and seed sprouting business, visits to the Saskatchewan Food Centre, Pork Interpretive Gallery and a rare opportunity to visit a Saskatchewan processing plant. Once again we stayed at the beautiful Champetre county wild west resort and the Carlton Trail Guest Ranch. The participants were treated to amazing meals all week featuring Saskatchewan Foods—the highlight being a meal featuring gluten free oats sponsored by Farm Pure Foods and prepared by world class Chef Rob Fuller. The teachers who attended received resources to use in the classroom and distribute to their colleagues. Some comments from the teachers:

“The nature of the program provided exposure to a diversity of sectors within the agriculture industry, and that was very important and effective.”

“It was absolutely excellent.”

“Knowing more generates more excitement as does putting a more personal Saskatchewan face on food.”

“Variety was good - demonstration & hands-on helps me with retention.”



NEW RESOURCES

For Loan form our office:

- 10 Things Kids Want to Know about Farming (dvd or vhs + lesson plans)
- Bringing Biotechnology to Life (dvd or vhs + teacher guide)
- Addressing Misconceptions in Agriculture (teacher guide and powerpoint presentation)

The Pork Interpretive Gallery has the following available:

- Careers in Animal Agriculture
- Careers in the Saskatchewan Pork Industry
- pig and cow anatomy models to demonstrate the difference between monogastric and ruminant animals and display the similar anatomy between humans and pigs. For loan only. Contact www.pigtour.ca

CAREER EXPO

An excellent opportunity to expose high school students to the diverse and exciting career opportunities available in the agriculture and bio-resources field. The Career Expo offers a chance for students to meet people working in a variety of different careers. This program is available November 19–22 in the mornings only, providing a chance for students to explore the rest of Agribition in the afternoon.

Registration deadline is November 2. For more information, E-mail pkidd@agribition.com or call 306-565-0565.

THANKS

We want to thank our two summer students Sarah Trefiak and Christine Meachem for their hard work this summer putting together the photo gallery, helping organize the Roadshow, driving around the province to collect soil and much more. Both ladies are back in university for the year and we wish them luck in their future endeavours! Also welcome to Karen Enns is back in the office after a busy summer on the farm.

PRAIRIELAND PARK SCHOOL TOURS

If you are an elementary teacher in or around Saskatoon take part, you are invited to attend the following interactive programs for students:

- Grade 4 Saskatoon Fall Fair ([Story of Beef](#)) November 15 & 16, 2007
- Grade 6 Western Canadian Crop Production Show ([Grain Production Today](#)) January 8 & 9, 2008
- Due to Easter break this will not be held this year—Grade 3 Gardenscape ([Little Green Thumbs](#))

To register contact our office or www.saskatoonex.com

BIOTECHNOLOGY OUTREACH DAY

AITC was pleased to be involved in the first Biotech Outreach Day held on September 27 at the College of Agriculture. The event included hands-on, interactive sessions on DNA extraction, plant pathology, genome research, careers and much more. Approximately 500 Grade 7 & 8 students from Saskatoon had a fun and exciting day learning how important biotechnology is to both their daily lives and the agriculture industry in Saskatchewan. We hope that we can find a way to offer this opportunity to schools across the province in the future.

NEW PHOTO GALLERY

Please check out our brand-new photo gallery on our website. We compiled pictures of animals, plants, equipment, farmers, heritage and more.

www.aitc.sk.ca

We wish to thank the many organizations that contributed photos for this gallery. We hope that this will be useful tool for both teaches and students.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in need of teachers who are willing to review and pilot some new resources for us. If you are interested in helping out in this way please e-mail programs@aitc.sk.ca or call 933-5224. Your co-operation is necessary for us to ensure we make appropriate curriculum connections.

Ag Ambassador Network

Please help us strengthen the network. If you have had a recent address change or your Ag Ambassador has moved to a new school just fill out the form and send it back to us so your school can continue to receive the benefits of the network..

Address Change New Ambassador Current Ambassador

Name: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

Fax: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Town/Prov: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____

Postal Code: _____

Grades and subjects taught: _____

Division: _____

- Grade 5 Western Canadian Livestock Expo ([Milk & Pork Production](#)) April 16 & 17, 2008

For more information contact our office or www.saskatoonex.com.