



Welcome back teachers! What a wonderful harvest season this has been—most of Saskatchewan is experiencing high yields and good quality grain. All the time, money and hard work put into the crops has been worth it. I wish you the same good fortune with your students this year!

Agriculture in the Classroom will carry on with great programs such as Envirothon, Prairieland School Tours, Agribition, and Little Green Thumbs. We continue to offer support to you in the form of teacher training at conventions, classroom resources (including our very popular seed kits) and student learning opportunities. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or comments on how we can improve our programs!

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RESOURCES

For all the latest in agriculture related resources...
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We recommend you check out...

- Podcasts on the Ontario AITC website www.oafe.org.
- Hilarious food safety videos at www.ucdavis.edu
- Food and agriculture organization of the United Nations www.fao.org

2008 AGRICULTURE ROADSHOW FOR TEACHERS

Exploring Sustainability

For three days this summer, 15 teachers from across the province explored aspects of agriculture they never thought possible! The Roadshow this year included visits to the Pioneer Inland Terminal, Indian Head Crop Research Station, a Cherry Orchard, Craik Eco-centre, Mosaic Potash Mine, Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre and more! The highlight was a tour of the Lajord Hutterite Colony where we learned about the “culture” of agriculture and the true meaning of working as a team!



The teachers were treated to a rare, private pow wow under the trees at the Flint Horn Tipi Camp on Carry the Kettle First Nation. Thank-fully the weather cooperated and we stayed dry in the tipi's!

The Roadshow wrapped up with an amazing meal at Zest—where Chef Rob Fuller prepared a meal and shared some of his secrets with us!



Crushing canola!

Special Thanks to the following organizations who sponsored the 2008 Roadshow.



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LITTLE GREEN THUMBS UPDATE

*A garden in every school—
a school in every garden!*

This program is growing at an unbelievable rate! This school year we have 35 new schools participating for a total of 50! Little Green Thumbs is as far south as Assiniboia and as far north as Black Lake! It doesn't seem to matter what age, sex, or nationality the kids are—they all love growing plants!

Two workshops were held in September for all the teachers participating in the project. It was two days packed with sharing, learning and fun. Teachers left the workshop with boxes, books, worms and excitement to start growing in the classroom. Over the next few months Adrienne Begg (LGT Coordinator) will be visiting the schools to facilitate sessions on environmental planning, agri"culture", plants and more!

To learn more about this amazing project check out the Little Green Thumbs website at www.littlegreenthumbssk.ca

"Early Girl had a baby and we named him Charlie!" - Rosetown student comment when she found a baby tomato on their plant.

PRAIRIELAND PARK SCHOOL TOURS

This year there is a new and exciting addition to the school tours program—The *AG-EXPERIENCE* interactive displays created by Prairieland Park Corporation. If you are an elementary teacher in or around Saskatoon this is an opportunity you don't want to miss out on! Each program consists of 5-6 highly interactive presentations and takes approximately 1 1/2 – 2 hours.

- Grade 4 Saskatoon Fall Fair ([Story of Beef](#)) November 13 & 14, 2008
- Grade 6 Western Canadian Crop Production Show ([Grain Production Today](#)) January 14 & 15, 2009
- Grade 3 Gardenscape ([Little Green Thumbs](#)) March 26 & 27, 2009
- Grade 5 Western Canadian Livestock Expo ([Milk & Pork Production](#)) April 22 & 23, 2009

To register contact our office or www.saskatoonex.com

TALES FROM THE FACS FARM

Teaching children about farming in Saskatchewan is fun with 'Tales from the FACS Farm' .

This interactive production features three puppeteers, and was created by the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan (FACS) to teach children from Kindergarten to Grade 4 about the realities of modern livestock and poultry production in an imaginative yet factual ways. Performances range from 20 to 45 minutes. Introduce your class to Happy the horse, Hilda the beefy heifer, Moona the milk cow, Precious the pig and Cuddles the chicken. Faith, the FACS Animal Care Specialist, formerly a friendly robot on a bicycle, has been transformed into a puppet.

To book 'Tales' call 683-9460 or email: facs@wideopen.ca The show takes 45 minutes to set up and 30 minutes to dismantle, and can be performed in the classroom, gymnasium or library.

Thanks to Sarah Balicki and Christine Meachem for all their hard work over the summer! We wish them luck as Sarah interns at Prince Albert Composite High School and Christine returns to university for her fine arts studies!

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: _____