

## Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month 2018

Agriculture in the Classroom - Canada (AITC-C), representing nine provincial Agriculture in the Classroom organizations, will participate for the seventh year in Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) in schools across Canada for the month of March. “Our Food. Our Story” is the 2018 theme. An exciting component to the CALM program will involve over 700 volunteers spending time in Canadian classrooms, sharing their personal story of agriculture and food. CALM would not be possible without the generous funding from Farm Credit Canada, the country’s leading agriculture lender.

### Programs and Activities for Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month:

#### Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

- This high school career event includes participation from: Edmonton Public Schools, University of Alberta Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences, Industry professionals, Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, Agriculture in the Classroom Canada

#### Classroom Agriculture Program Presentations

- Producers and other agriculture industry professionals are matched with Grade 4 classes and provide a one hour interactive presentation about agriculture.

#### Reynolds Museum Agriculture Programs

- The Reynold’s Museum offers a variety of agriculture focused programs including: Pancakes, Pioneer Skills, Prairie Perspectives, and the Harvest Education Program

#### Agriculture for Life

- Made in Alberta Breakfast, Agriculture 101 presentations and a ThinkAG Careers event.

### Resources:

**Agriculture for Life** offers a variety of [resources](#) including:

- Agriculture in Alberta Teacher Toolkit:
  - Thorough toolkit of information for teachers wanting to integrate agriculture into their classroom that you can download online
- Lessons Plans for growing food at school – all grade levels
- Links to a variety of ag education resources including careers, the environment, GMOs and others

#### Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (Agriculture in the Classroom Alberta)

- Links to a variety of programs and resources via our [ag education website](#)
- Print publications available free of charge - order from the website
  - Michael and Mia: Stewards of the Land (upper elementary)
    - A story of two children who take on growing a vegetable garden on their parents’ farm. Things don’t always go as planned!
  - Alex’s First Seed (mid-elementary)

- A story of an earthworm who makes compost to nurture a seed into a full grown vegetable.
  - All About Food (junior/senior high)
    - A fact-book with information about careers, production methods, crops grown in Canada, biotechnology and many other topics. It also has a [website](#) with supplementary videos and resources.
- **Journey 2050/Farmer 2050**
  - The [Journey 2050](#) and [Farmers 2050](#) game apps are available for free through the iTunes store. Both take students through farming simulations where students make hard choices about how to use their land and produce the most food while balancing environmental and social concerns. Not just for students, parents and teachers will like these games too.