



Printed Workshop

Thank you for volunteering your time and expertise to the Classroom Agriculture Program. Your commitment to teach students and teachers the importance of agriculture is greatly appreciated. **Each CAP presentation has significant educational value and is endorsed by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Minister of Education.**

To the experienced volunteers, welcome back and to the new volunteer, a very special welcome – we are confident you will find being part of CAP both rewarding and enjoyable.

As you plan for your CAP presentations please incorporate the following five objectives:

- 1. Adapt the following information to your own operations and experiences, as well as agriculture in general, remembering that personalizing is what makes the program unique and exciting.**
- 2. Use visual aides and hands-on/engaging materials whenever possible**
- 3. Explain where food comes from; help students connect with agriculture and food.** Use at least one example of ‘Where Food Comes From’ – explaining the path the food product takes from farm to table
- 4. Talk about the opportunities in agriculture and the economic and environmental impact of agriculture in Alberta.**
- 5. Use at least one example that relates Alberta’s agricultural industry to Grade 4 curriculum**

Inspire students to discover more about agriculture following your presentation.

PRESENTATION MANUAL

This resource can be downloaded at

www.classroomagriculture.com

The presentation manual provides information which will be useful to you in the planning and delivery of your presentation. Suggestions, such as curriculum connections, presentation ideas, classroom behaviour management suggestions and commodity contacts are included.

COMMODITY RESOURCES

You are welcome to contact the Members involved in CAP for information and fast facts about their organization. This year the students will all receive an activity booklet as well as other promotional items for participating in the program. Please do not ask the Members for additional student give-aways.

Also, encourage students and teachers to visit the commodities websites or contact the groups directly for any of the resources included in the package.

Agriculture for Life
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Crowfoot RPO 68070
Calgary, AB T3G 3N8
Ph: 1-888-931-2951
www.agricultureforlife.ca

Alberta Barley Commission
#200, 3601A - 21st Street NE
Calgary, AB T2E 6T5
Ph: 403.219.6261
www.albertabarley.com

Alberta Beef Producers
165, 6815 – 8th St NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7H7
Ph: 403-275-4400
www.albertabeef.org

Alberta Canola Producers Commission
170, 14315-118 Ave
Edmonton, AB T5L 4S6
Ph: 780-454-0844
www.canola.ab.ca
www.learncanola.com

Alberta Chicken Producers 2518
Ellwood Drive
Edmonton AB T6X 0A9
Ph: 780-488-2125
www.chicken.ab.ca

Egg Farmers of Alberta
#101 - 90 Freeport Blvd NE
Calgary AB T3J 5J9
Ph: 403-250-1197
www.eggs.ab.ca

Alberta Pulse Growers Commission
55007B - 49 Ave
Leduc, AB T9E 6M6
Ph: 780-986-9398
www.pulse.ab.ca

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
950, Weber Centre
5555 Calgary Trail NW
Edmonton AB T6H 5P9
Ph: 780-489-5007
www.abvma.ca

Alberta Irrigation Projects Association
909, 400 - 4 Ave S
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4E1
Ph: 403-328-3063
www.aipa.ca

Alberta Wheat Commission
Suite 200, 6815 – 8 St NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7H7
Ph: 855-917-3711
www.albertawheat.com

Eastern Irrigation District
PO Bag 8
550 Industrial Road
Brooks AB T1R 1B2
Ph: 403-362-1400
www.eid.ca

Alberta Institute of Agrologists
1430, 5555 Calgary Trail NW
Edmonton, AB T6H 5P9
Ph: 780-435-0606
www.albertaagrologists.ca

Alberta Milk
1303 – 91Street SW
Edmonton, AB
Ph: 877-361-1231, 3327
www.moo2you.ca

CropLife Canada - Alberta Council
400, 1040 – 7Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3G9
Phone: 403-244-4487
www.croplife.ca

THEME

The CAP theme is “**Grow with Agriculture**” which suggests agriculture is a part of students’ daily lives and a key contributor to their growth and to the growth of Alberta’s economy. You are promoting a greater understanding and an appreciation of agriculture.

ACTIVITY BOOKLETS

The children will each receive their own copy of the CAP activity booklet. This booklet compliments grade four curriculum and will provide the children with a wide range of valuable agriculture-related learning opportunities.

VIDEO

Each volunteer has the option of using a video called Grow With Agriculture. Although it is only nine minutes long, the video contains thought-provoking agriculture-related content.

FIRST STEPS – PLAN EARLY

As soon as you receive the materials from your Zone Coordinator and **prior to March 31**, please **contact the grade four teacher(s)** involved to arrange a convenient time to do your presentation. This initial contact is the perfect time to discuss curriculum connection ideas with the teacher. Your presentation should be about **one hour** in length and should occur **between February and June**.

If you are having difficulty arranging the time or, if for some reason, you cannot do the presentation, please contact your Zone Coordinator.

Either another volunteer will deliver the presentation, or the Teacher’s Package and activity booklets will be mailed directly to the teacher. The children deserve something.

You may be required to complete security clearance for volunteers, and this must be done a couple of weeks before your session. One per board Rural, Public or Separate will be enough. The teacher will advise you when you make contact.

Children love hands-on learning opportunities so if you can, please take in materials related to your presentation on agriculture. If you are bringing in samples (such as hay or food), please check for allergies in the class. If you are bringing live animals for your program, check with the school first. Be sure to **engage** the students.

Use the KISS (Keep It Simple) principle and try to vary your activities, keeping each section to less than 10 minutes. Here is an example where the CAP presenter focused on the cattle industry and incorporated different activities:

Introduction - 5 minutes

10 minutes on homesteading (Show props of what is in ‘grandfather’s trunk’)

10 minutes on animal feed and ecology (sample of cattle feed and Slice of Soil demo
(found in Presentation Manual))

10 minutes on partners in ranching (Show pictures that illustrate different people in agriculture and have the children guess who they are and how they help)

10 minutes on “We Use Everything but the Moo!” (Cattle By-Products)

Wrap-up - 9 minute Video “Made in Alberta – Where Your Food Comes From”

Q&A - Children love to ask questions and to share their knowledge!

Send the teacher a confirmation letter or e-mail with your name, contact information, presentation date, time and any special requests (such as student nametags, or a TV/VCR).

The educational value of your presentation cannot be over-emphasized – please have the content of your presentation thoroughly planned well in advance of the presentation date. This will help you feel more confident and will alleviate many of the uncomfortable “butterflies”. And remember, teachers have applied for this program and want you there. You are the expert and also a volunteer.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Ask the teacher to remain in the classroom throughout your entire presentation.

Once you arrive give the teacher the Teacher's Package with activity booklets for each student and a poster to hang in the classroom.

Children often ask questions that are complex or controversial. If you are not comfortable answering a question refer the child to the commodity group which could best answer it.

Please remind the teachers to complete the **Evaluation Form** which is included in their kit and to return it to the address provided. This form is also available online at www.classroomagriculture.com.

ZONE COORDINATOR

There are nine Zone Coordinators across the province that will make arrangements to deliver your classroom resources and who are happy to provide program training and advice.

To find who your closest Zone Coordinator is please call 587-877-2544.

VOLUNTEER EVALUATION FORM

Please complete and return your Volunteer Evaluation Form. Your input will be very influential in the growth and further development of CAP. The evaluation is available in this kit, or online at www.classroomagriculture.com.

When you have delivered your assigned CAP presentation(s), please let your Zone Coordinator know. When they hear from you, your name will go into a draw for a prize.

*Thank you again for volunteering with the Classroom Agriculture Program.
Best wishes for every success with your presentations and please feel welcome to call your
Zone Coordinator at any time.*

WHO TO CALL ABOUT AGRICULTURE

TOPIC	AGENCY	CONTACT INFORMATION
Agriculture in General	Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development	1-866-822-7677 www.agric.gov.ab.ca
Barley	Alberta Barley Commission	(800) 265-9111 www.albertabarley.com
Beef Cattle	Alberta Beef Producers	(403) 275-4400 www.albertabeef.org
Chickens	Alberta Chicken Producers	(780) 488-2125 www.chicken.ab.ca
Canola	Alberta Canola Producers	(780) 454-0844 or (800) 551-6652 www.canola.ab.ca
Dairy Cattle	Alberta Milk	(877) 361-1231, 3327 www.moo2you.ca
Deer, Elk & Bison	AB White-tail and Mule Deer Assoc.	(403) 746-5151 www.albertadeer.com
	Alberta Elk Commission	(780) 980-7582 www.albertaelk.com
	The Bison Centre	(780) 986-4100 www.bisoncentre.com
Eggs	Egg Farmers of Alberta	(403) 250-1197 www.eggs.ab.ca
Education	Olds College	1-800-661-6537 www.oldscollege.ca
Farm Animal Care	Alberta Farm Animal Care	(403) 932-8050 www.afac.ab.ca
Farm Safety	Alberta Farm Safety Centre	403-752-4585 www.abfarmsafety.com
Food Safety	Food Safety Network	(866) 503-7638 www.foodsafetynetwork.ca
Goats	Alberta Goat Breeders Association	(780) 878-3814 www.albertagoatbreeders.ca
Horses	Horse Industry Association of Alberta	(403) 948-8521 www.albertahorseindustry.ca
Irrigation	Eastern Irrigation District	(403) 362- 1400 www.eid.ca
Pesticides & Environment	AGCare	(519) 837-1326 www.agcare.org
Pigs	Alberta Pork	(780) 474-8288 www.albertapork.com
Potato	Potato Growers of Alberta	(403) 223- 2262 www.albertapotatoes.ca
Pulse (Legumes)	Alberta Pulse Growers	(780) 986-9398 www.pulse.ab.ca
Lamb	Alberta Lamb Producers	(403) 948-8533 www.ablamb.com
Turkey	Alberta Turkey	(780) 465-5755 www.albertaturkey.com
Veterinarians	Alberta Veterinary Medical Association	(780) 489- 5007 www.abvma.ca
Wheat	Alberta Wheat Commission	(855)917-3711 www.albertawheat.com