

CANADIAN Agriculture Literacy MONTH

MARCH 1-31, 2023



DIG INTO FARM BOOKS AND VIDEOS!

AGRICULTURE LITERACY CHALLENGE

Calling all BC learners! To celebrate Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) this March, participate in our online Agriculture Literacy Challenge. Discover great books, watch videos, have fun learning about Canadian farming and food, and win prizes!

OVER \$2,125 IN PRIZES

- **EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAWS:** Register by February 28 for a chance to win 1 of 2 \$50 Indigo gift cards. Plus, the first 25 teachers to register will receive \$25 Starbucks gift cards!
- **WEEKLY DRAWS:** Active participants (who read books, watch videos, complete activities, and post reviews during March) have a chance to win 1 of 2 \$100 Indigo gift cards.
- **GRAND PRIZE DRAWS:** Win 1 of 2 \$250 Indigo gift cards and a BCAITC Literacy Prize Pack!



Read books or watch videos about food and farming! Complete any accompanying learning activity and write reviews for more chances to win prizes!

Register and Participate in the Challenge:

1. Go to <https://aitc.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack Tracker app from the Google or Apple store.
2. Register as an individual/family or class/group.*
3. Select the challenge, and explore the overview and accompanying badges.
4. To log minutes of reading, viewing, or activities or write a review, click the buttons on the top left-hand corner of the site.

* If you participated last year, you can log into your account and then make changes to your participants.

#CALM23

Sharing is caring - use #CALM23 on social media to share your updates and photos of students reading about agriculture in British Columbia! Questions about CALM? Email Holly Johnson, BCAITC Education Specialist, at teacher@aitc.ca.



The Agriculture Literacy Challenge is brought to you by BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (BCAITC) with the financial support of The Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.



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TEACHER'S PICKS

All of these educational tools are great for the Agriculture Literacy Challenge!
Find them at www.bcaitc.ca.



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BOOKS & MAGAZINES



ALEX'S FIRST SEED
This featured storybook follows Alex the worm as he learns about soil and grows his first seed. Learning how to sustainability care for soil is something we can all do!
Grades K-3

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→ **Connected Resource:**

- We All Share the Same Soil



BLOSSOM'S BIG JOB
In this storybook, a hard-working bee encourages trust and perseverance while readers learn about pollination and honey.
Grades K-4

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Available in both English and French.

→ **Connected Resources:**

- Blossom's Big Job: Pollination Station Simulation
- Blossom's Big Job: Growing Pumpkin Sprouts in the Classroom



REGGIE'S TECHNOLOGY ADVENTURE
Explore technology in agriculture and food production through this fun storybook.
Grades K-4

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→ **Connected Resources:**

- Reggie's Technology Adventure Farm Robots
- Reggie's Technology Adventure Farms of the Future



ALFALFABET
Read this alphabetical tour of food and farming. Meet lively characters, and along the way learn more about the foods we eat.
Grades K-3

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→ **Connected Resources:**

- Alfalfabet Quiz
- Alfalfabet Word Scramble
- Alfalfabet Class Activity - A to Z



DEVLIN SAVES A LAMB
Join Devlin the farmhouse dog and his family on their farm to learn about roles and responsibilities in this storybook. Follow along as Devlin learns an important life lesson.
Grades K-3

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→ **Connected Resources:**

- All About Farmhand Dogs
- BC Dog Treat Recipes



A DAY WITH YAYAH
This book features a Thompson River Salish family who harvests food together in the forest. Highlighting the Nl̓eʔkepmxc̓in language, readers can learn new words plus learn about wild and cultivated plants.
Grades K-9

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→ **Connected Resource:**

- Gathering Information About Wild and Cultivated Plants

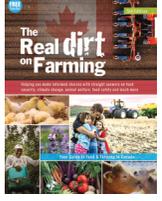


THE BUG GIRL
This inspiring storybook by a young Canadian author celebrates women in science, bugs of all kinds, and the importance of staying true to yourself.
Grades K-8

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→ **Connected Resource:**

- Invent a Bug



THE REAL DIRT ON FARMING
From the cost of living and energy to climate change and health care, learn more about farm animals, healthy food, farms, and food security with this magazine.
Grades 6-12

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Available in both English and French.

→ **Connected Resource:**

- Real Dirt on Farming Teacher's Guide

VIDEOS

VIEWED BY 40,000+ STUDENTS



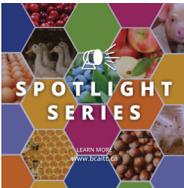
THE GREAT CANADIAN FARM TOUR - SEASON 1
Travel coast-to-coast to visit farms in each province and learn about Canada's exciting agriculture and food story.
Grades K-6

Available in both English and French.

→ **Connected Resource:**

- Season 1 - The Great Canadian Farm Tour Activity Book and Teacher's Guide

BCAITC ORIGINAL SERIES



SPOTLIGHT SERIES
Learn about BC foods from farm to table in this series featuring blueberries, honey, hazelnuts, eggs, cranberries, chickens, apples, strawberries, dairy, and potatoes.
Grades 4-12

→ **Connected Resources:**

- Dozens of Spotlight recipes and activities



FARMFOOD 360
Immerse yourself in Canadian farms and food with this popular series of more than a dozen videos on everything from a mushroom farm to a veal ranch to an egg processing facility.
Grades 6-12

→ **Connected Resources:**

- Use the FarmFood 360 in the Classroom site to find trivia quizzes related to the videos



BC AT THE TABLE
Learn about BC's food system and how we produce, process, distribute, and acquire local food, following the story of produce, grains, dairy and salmon.
Grades 8-12

→ **Connected Resources:**

- Dairy Resource Guide
- Grains Resource Guide
- Produce Resource Guide
- Salmon Resource Guide
- Cross-Curricular Connections Resource

Check out '30 Favourite K-7 Agriculture Books' and '30 Favourite K-12 Agriculture & Food Resources' guides at www.bcaitc.ca for more great resources!

STAY TUNED

Starting March 1, sign your class up for Season 2 of The Great Canadian Farm Tour series (live April/May 2023) at www.aitc-canada.ca! Join thousands of classrooms across the country for amazing virtual farm tours!

