

Sustaining the Future of Oats: Tackling Agriculture's Big Challenges MB Ag in the Classroom 2024 Report

Manitoba's oat growers are facing some big challenges—climate change, rising costs, and market unpredictability. Agriculture in the Classroom-Manitoba (AITC-M) is working to help the next generation handle these tough issues. Here's how:

- Fostering Agricultural Literacy: Thank you, MOGA members, for your support! Your generosity helped us develop the Foundations of Manitoba Agriculture virtual resource hub, which includes info sheets and learning modules about oats, showing students how important oat growers are to our economy.
- Addressing Climate Change: Through programs like the Follow the Farmers virtual tours and the Weather Game, students are learning about the real impacts of weather unpredictability on crops like oats. They also explore sustainable farming solutions that are vital for the future.
- Building the Future Workforce: Agriculture is facing a labour shortage, but we're connecting students with hands-on experiences through resources like the Cultivate Your Career workbook, Career Case Game, and EngAGed Career Fairs. These programs inspire students to see themselves as the next leaders in agriculture.

In 2023 we reached 2000 educators. We're still active in a third of Manitoba schools. In 2022, 28,580 students registered in our programs; in 2023, that number jumped to 37,647. You can be a classroom hero today. Donate or volunteer to inspire the future of Manitoba's oat sector.

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