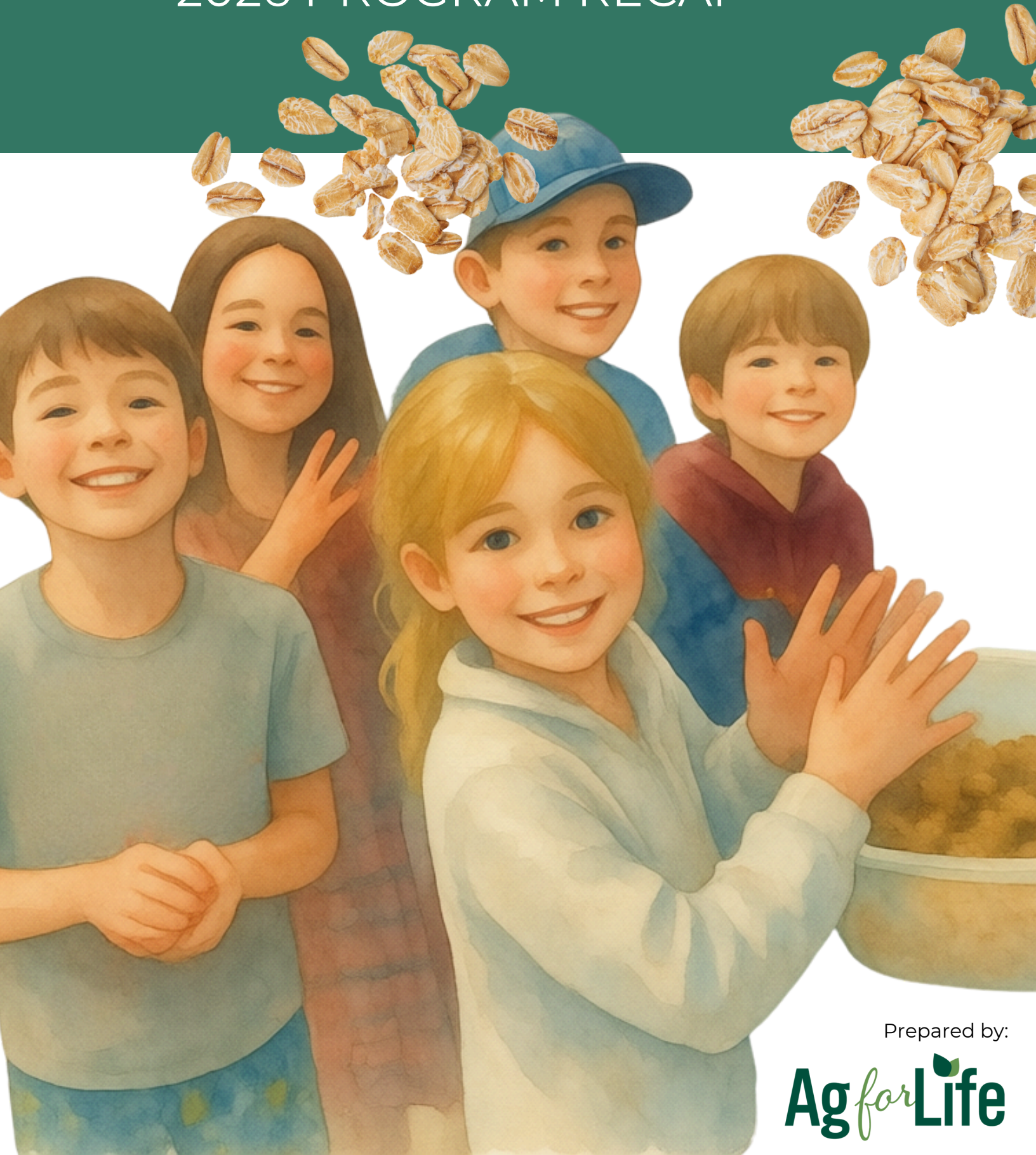


SCHOOL OATS PROGRAM

2026 PROGRAM RECAP



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School Oats Program

Oats are a naturally nutrient-dense food, high in fibre, vitamins, and minerals that contribute to sustained energy, improved digestion, and enhanced concentration—making them an ideal addition to a balanced diet for growing students.

The School Oats Program was developed to promote the nutritional benefits of oats while supporting children's overall health and well-being through improved nutrition education. The program also connects students to agriculture by showing how oats are grown and produced, helping them understand where their food comes from and the role of local farmers in food production.

Schools from communities across Alberta — including Castor, Daysland, Driftpile, Duchess, Edmonton, Fort Vermilion, Grimshaw, High Level, Irvine, Lundbreck, Niton Junction, Strathmore, Warburg, and Youngstown — participated in the program, demonstrating a shared commitment to supporting healthy habits, enriching classroom learning, and increasing awareness of agriculture.



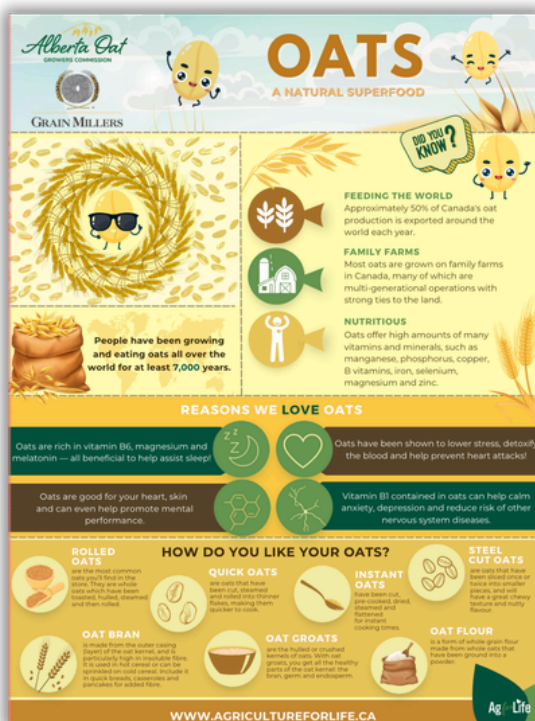
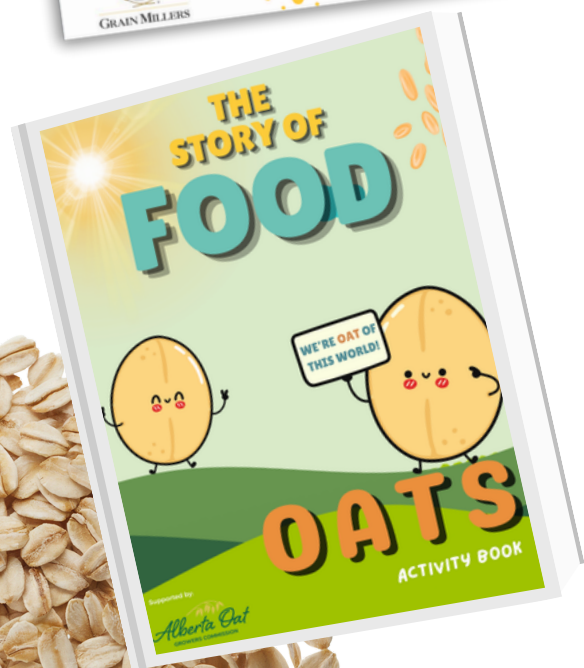
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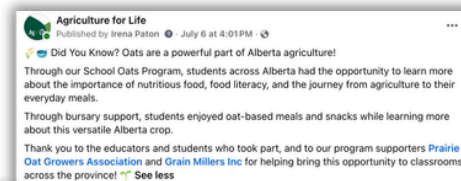
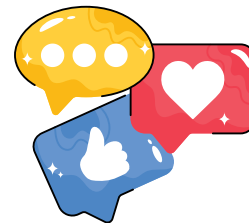
The School Oats Program was available to both rural and urban schools across Alberta, providing bursaries of \$350 to 14 schools based on demonstrated need.

Running from April to June 2026, the application window was open from March 1 to April 1, 2026. The selected schools were provided the bursary to purchase oats and oat-based foods. In addition, each selected school received a visually engaging poster to help students better understand the nutritional benefits of oats.

Students took home a fun and easy-to-follow recipe card, encouraging healthy eating habits beyond the classroom. Schools also received “The Story of Food – Oats” publication, which features a variety of oat-themed activities and educational content designed to make learning about nutrition both fun and meaningful.



We promoted the School Oats Program through our teacher newsletter, encouraging educators across Alberta to register and participate. Throughout the program, we also shared updates and highlights across our social media channels, including student photos that showcased the impact of the program and classroom learning experiences.



Out of the 29 schools that registered, the following 14 were selected to participate in the School Oats Program:

- Daysland School
- Duchess School
- Gus Wetter School
- Hardisty School
- High Level Public School
- Holy Family School
- Irvine School
- Livingstone School
- Mihtatakaw Sipy School
- Niton Central School
- Rural Route Agriculture Academy Charter School
- St. Mary's Elementary / Fort Vermilion Public School
- Warburg School



THANK YOU

We extend our sincere gratitude to the **Alberta Oat Growers Commission** and **Grain Millers** for their generous support of the 2026 School Oats Program.

Your partnership made it possible to provide students across Alberta with engaging, hands-on learning experiences that promoted healthy eating, food literacy, and a deeper understanding of agriculture.

Thank you for your continued commitment to inspiring the next generation.

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