

Backgrounder

Ag-Grow-Land Project

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The Science Centre will receive \$25,000 funding to update the Ag-Grow-Land exhibit to enhance the experience, increase engagement and augment visitation.

This project will highlight Saskatchewan agriculture as a solution provider in the quest to feed a growing world.

The project includes three components:

- Upgrades and/or additions to the exhibit;
- Professional development opportunities to help educate teachers; and
- Agriculture public awareness/engagement sessions and demonstrations.

Agriculture Awareness at Agribition

Contact: *Erin Lawson, 306-565-0565*

Canadian Western Agribition has received \$7,900 for agriculture awareness initiatives at the show.

The program will focus on expanding the Family Ag Pavilion and the What's on your Fork display as well as increasing Agribition messaging in the city of Regina.

The exhibits are key instruments in educating both youth and teachers and helping to make the connection between farms and food.

Adopt a Rancher Program

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The Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan will receive \$7,770 for their Adopt a Rancher Educational Program.

Adopt a Rancher is a pilot project that would give grade 10 students an opportunity to learn how ranching protects Saskatchewan's native grasslands.

A rancher is 'adopted' by a class of students who would study the rancher's operations through classroom activities and field days.

The program fits with the Science 10 curriculum and focuses on ranch ecosystems, production efficiency, genetics, animal health and welfare, and farm management.

Communicating the Science of Agriculture Project

Contact: *Daniel Ramage, 306-668-3570*

Genome Prairie has received \$6,000 for a workshop to promote an understanding of the importance of effective communication among Saskatchewan's ag-biotech research community.

The project will bring approximately 75 ag-biotech researchers together during a half-day workshop to promote an understanding of the importance of effective communication among Saskatchewan's ag-biotech research community.

It will also provide participants the necessary tools and techniques to confidently discuss difficult topics.

This project will help support the Growth Plan objective of making Saskatchewan an International Leader in Biosciences by 2020.