



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD EDUCATION



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in the Classroom
Foundation
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2022 TIME TO CELEBRATE

30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (BCAITC) turned thirty in 2022! Who would have thought that a simple idea formed around a farmer's table three decades ago would impact so many youths today? BCAITC has grown by leaps and bounds over the past thirty years and has established itself as the leader in BC K-12 agriculture and food education! The organization now reaches an incredible 530,000 BC students annually!

2022 was an eventful year for the organization! We reminisced over fond memories and celebrated past successes while focusing on growth with many exciting new resources, programs, and initiatives. Flip through the pages of this 30th Anniversary Annual Report to learn about our adventures through the year. Enjoy!

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MISSION

Working to bring BC agriculture and food education to students throughout the province.

VISION

Inspiring students to actively engage with BC agriculture and food systems.

PURPOSE

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (BCAITC) is a registered charity #891720161RR0001 whose purpose is:

- To promote the value of agriculture, sustainable food systems, and the protection of BC's agriculture resource base to our educators, students, and society.
- To provide educators and students with quality educational resources, programs, and other agricultural information that highlight agriculture as an important part of our economy, health, and way of life.
- To enable students to make informed decisions about food choices, food safety, and the importance of local supplies of food and other agricultural products.
- To partner with the education, agriculture, health, and business communities to develop, implement, and evaluate quality initiatives.
- To build the relationship between BCAITC and its stakeholders to accomplish the purpose of the Foundation.
- To promote careers in agriculture as a viable and desirable career choice.



LEADING THE WAY



PRESIDENT'S REPORT MELANIE LANTZ

What a year! I think we finally overcame the pandemic or at

the very least we learned to co-exist with Covid as we re-emerged from the isolation of our homes back to work, school, and play. And the timing couldn't be better as we were able to join together IN PERSON to celebrate BCAITC's 30th anniversary!

First and foremost I would like to acknowledge the dedication and efforts of BCAITC Staff throughout this year. They are a dedicated group, passionate about delivering quality programs to our youth in schools, Kindergarten through grade 12. With the committed direction of our Executive Director, Pat Tonn, BCAITC was able to deliver another year of exceptional learning programs and continues to build our school food and nutrition programs across the province. All education and community events returned to "reality", and we capped it off with our "Cheers to 30 Years" of the BCAITC Foundation by celebrating together in April. Congratulations Pat to you and your team for championing such a triumphant return to in-person delivery of programming in 2022!

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our Board this past year. We are so very fortunate to have a fantastic group of individuals who are not only dedicated to agriculture but passionate about nutrition and food programs in our schools. I feel very grateful to have the privilege of leading a Board that is so cohesive and works so well together. Our aim is to build on the programs we have and extend our reach to schools across the province even further in 2023.

While we are working hard to move forward, I must acknowledge and thank our outgoing Board members for their significant contributions to the ongoing success of

BCAITC. John Munro was one of our longer tenured members and he will be missed for his authentic candor, and passion for agricultural education in the classroom. Marc Schutzbank had to take a step back this year as well, we will miss his innate ability to ask tough questions. Last but not least we also said goodbye to Amy Chow to understandably prioritize commitments from family and career.

We also welcome an exciting group of new Board members this year. Tony Hollett, freshly retired from a distinguished and lengthy career with Saputo in April, joins our Board with an intent to give back to the community by leveraging his experience with warehousing, distribution, and logistics on a national scale. Barbara Seed brings an extensive background in Public Health and Dietetics. Her work, research projects, consulting assignments, and education are rooted deeply in food security and public health programming to meet population needs. Lastly, we welcome Neill McCallum, he is currently an Educator in the Richmond School District and brings with him a passion for environmental education and sustainability. Neill has an extensive background of teaching assignments that bring to our Board a diverse perspective of effective education.

In conclusion and on behalf of the Board, we also wish to thank producers, industry partners, corporations, and individuals who advocate for agriculture and continue to support the efforts of BCAITC.

Cheers to 30 years!
Melanie Lantz



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT PAT TONN

As we bring our 30th year celebrations to a close,

we are thankful for the many people who have helped us grow BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation. Our year was full of celebrations, reuniting our BCAITC family and lots of exciting activities.

We enjoyed a trip down memory lane at our "Cheers to 30 Years" gala at Thomas Haney Centre with Maple Ridge Take a Bite of BC chefs and students preparing and serving a gourmet meal. Students got involved in the 30 agriculture books for 30 years literacy challenge, Culinary Arts Teaching Chefs and many BC Teachers participated in agriculture and foods tours with us, Chef Randle continued virtual Cook-alongs with BC farmers and White Spot, teachers highlighted our top 30 resources, gardening tips, and BC food recipes in their classrooms. Each month we acknowledged a Champion of BCAITC in the classroom or out in the field, we are honoured to have these people as part of the team.

Our foundational programs have continued to be successful in both expanding to more classrooms and appreciation from teachers. The message about BC agricultural products, farming and careers in the sector is reaching students at all grade levels through over 500 teaching resources. Our programs are in over 90% of classrooms in BC and teachers are excited to learn ways they can integrate BC agriculture into their classroom teaching.

We added to our Ag Adventures program this year. Partnering with Stable Harvest Farm in Langley, we built an educational site there while refurbishing our own flood worn Pencil Patch site in Abbotsford. Look for another expansion with Helen's Acres in Kelowna in 2023!

Take a Bite of BC expanded to 60 teaching kitchens and over 7200 students participating. The BC Culinary Arts Association Teachers joined us for agriculture tours during their Spring Conference.

Our Summer Institute was back in person with a full 30 students.

In August, our Educators' Agriculture Tour was back with great farm tours throughout Delta.

Common Ground-The Strawberry Project was a new program launch, with Indigenous roots.

Greenhouse Veggie Days Class tours and Canadian Agriculture Literacy month went virtual reaching over 4000 students across the province.

Following on the success of our Grow BC GIS map, we have launched a new map in 2022 called Farm Explorer BC. Classrooms, students, and families can discover the bounty of BC agriculture and food through a close-up look at farms and agriculture experiences on this map.

Together we are making a difference for Agriculture in BC! I close with gratitude for our dedicated Staff and Board of Directors and great partners, sponsors and teachers who help make Agriculture in the Classroom come alive!



BCAITC MILESTONE TIMELINE 1992-2022



1995
First Long-Term Strategic Plan Developed



1997
BCAITC Hired First Executive Director - Lindsay Babineau



1998
BCAITC-UBC Summer Institute Launched

Summer Institute

1999
BCAITC Receives Charitable Status



2000
BCAITC Launched First Website - www.aitc.ca/bc



1992
BCAITC LAUNCHED



1993
Earliest Resources Including 'Beans and Their Buddies' and 'Butter Churns and Stern Wheelers' Published



2004
First Annual Outstanding Teacher in Agriculture Award



2006
An Evening Under Glass Donor Recognition Event



2006
Spuds in Tubs Launched



2007
Close to Home CD - First Music Adventure - Launched



2009
"Meet" and Potatoes Donor Recognition Event



2009
Alfabet A-Z - First Book Published by BCAITC



2009
Take a Bite of BC Launched



2004
Boots 'n Dreams Donor Recognition Event



2005
BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program Launched



2010
BCAITC Joins Social Media



2012
Milk House Refurbished

2013
Planting a Promise Launched



2013
Lindsay Babineau Received Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal



2013
BCAITC Chef Trevor Joins Team



2013
+Milk Launched



2014
Fresh to You Fundraiser Launched



2013
The Pencil Patch Established

2015
A Cow's Tale Resource Launched



2015
Harvest Bin Project Launched



2015
Pat Tonn Becomes BCAITC Executive Director



2015
BCAITC Reaches Over 500,000 Students



2016
BCAITC Becomes a Member of Agriculture in the Classroom Canada

2016
BCAITC First Spring Fundraiser with Take a Bite of BC Students/Chefs



2017
BCAITC Integrates Agriculture in the Classroom Canada Resources Into Programming



2018
BC Classroom Tours at Greenhouse Veggie Days Launched in Partnership with BC Greenhouse Growers' Association



2019
Celebrating Liberation with A Promise Launched to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the End of WWII



2018
New Website (www.bcaitc.ca) Launched



2018
BCAITC Becomes Charity of Choice for BC Agri-Food Industry Gala Auction



2019
Sips & Sprouts Fundraising Event



2019
Indigenous Medicine Wheel Built in The Pencil Patch



2021
Teacher Champion Series Launches



2021
Cook-Along BC Online Events Launched



2020
Spotlight Series Launched



2021
The Pencil Patch Flooded in November (Rebuilding to Commence in Spring 2022)



2022
New Ag Adventures Partnership with Stable Harvest Farm



2022
Common Ground: The Strawberry Project Launched



2020
COVID-19 Hits, More Online Learning Launched - 500+ Downloadable Resources



2021
100th Birthday of the Milk House at The Pencil Patch



2022
Celebrating 30 Years of BCAITC



FRESH DELIVERIES

BC SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program provides fresh BC grown fruit and vegetable snacks to BC K-9 classrooms 12 times a year. This program gives students the opportunity to sample BC produce such as apples, plums, pears, tomatoes, mini cucumbers, and peppers. With the help of 4,926 volunteers and industry partners, this program is delivered to over 90% of public and First Nations schools in British Columbia, reaching 530,000+ students annually.

Educators can use the program's 30 Fresh Stories lessons to help students make the connections between farming and the food they eat.



Supported by: The Province of British Columbia | The First Nations Health Authority | Save-on-Foods | Saputo Dairy Products Canada

Product Suppliers: BCfresh | BC Hothouse | BC Tree Fruits | Cawston Cold Storage | Fresh Direct Produce Ltd. | Harker's Organics | Petkov Kiwi | STAR Produce | South Alder Farms | Village Farms | Windset Farms

Distribution Partners: Visit www.bcaitc.ca for full list of distributors.

“ For many folks up here in the North access to fresh fruit is not always available. The plums were a new experience to many. Thanks. ”

-Marsha Dufresne, Tumbler Ridge Secondary | Tumbler Ridge

+MILK

Since 2013, the + Milk program has delivered milk to K-5 students throughout British Columbia twelve times per year. Teachers can connect learn more about milk farm to table with “A Cow’s Tale”, Fresh Stories, and additional primary-level agriculture resources.

+ MILK



“ The milk is always a BIG hit! The kids love it, often asking if there are seconds. ”

-Cindy Swan, Big Lake Elementary | Big Lake Ranch

Supported by: The Province of British Columbia | The BC Dairy Association



1,477
SCHOOLS

4,926
VOLUNTEERS

525
FARMERS

6,788,808
FRUIT & VEG SERVINGS

755
SCHOOLS

146,255
SERVINGS

487
FARMERS

12
TIMES A YEAR

SUPPORTING HEALTHY EATING

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

Healthy food - fundraising - community... that's what the Fresh to You Fundraiser is all about!

K-12 schools receive bundles of locally grown fruits and vegetables (like apples, carrots, beets, potatoes, onions, shallots, and parsnips) to sell to their school communities and receive a 40% profit!

The program provides schools with a healthy fundraising opportunity that fits with the BC government's new BC School Food Guidelines.



Supported by: The Province of British Columbia

Distribution Partners: BCfresh | Associated Grocers

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER

“ Our middle years students were able to provide a community service by bundling the fruits and vegetables. The funds are being directed towards our school garden to buy wheelbarrows and other supplies. ”

-Program Participant



“ We were able to buy and gift many bundles to our most vulnerable families in our community. Lots of compliments that families were happy to participate in a healthy food fundraiser, especially with the cost of groceries now. Several community members purchased bundles and then donated them to vulnerable families in our school. An excellent way for the community to become involved with the school. ”

-Program Participant

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS ROOTS

COMMON GROUND: THE STRAWBERRY PROJECT

Common Ground: The Strawberry Project launched in January 2022 and is already one of our most popular programs. The new growing program provides participating K-12 classrooms with native and cultivated strawberry seedlings. Students work together to grow and harvest their strawberry plants and learn about this plant species, while deepening their understanding of First Peoples' culture and traditions.

This program brings students from Indigenous schools together with students from BC public schools to increase youth engagement. Together they share ideas and learnings as they explore sustainability, agriculture, and food systems topics.



COMMON GROUND THE STRAWBERRY PROJECT

“ I am so excited to be participating in this program, thank you for the opportunity! ”

-Program Participant, K'ak'ot'lats'l School | Coal Harbour



Supported by: The Province of British Columbia

132 COMMUNITIES **233,838** LBS FRESH BC PRODUCE **7,195** BUNDLES SOLD **\$77,010** PROFITS FOR SCHOOLS

50 CLASSROOMS **972** STUDENTS **1,500** PLANTS **50** COMMUNITIES

GROWING GOOD

SPUDS IN TUBS

This program brings learning to life! Spuds in Tubs provides a hands-on growing experience for K-12 students! Over a few months, students plant seed potatoes, tend to and observe the plants, and then harvest hundreds of potatoes to eat!

Resources are available at multiple grade levels to extend the program's learnings. New in 2022, classrooms received a complimentary copy of "A Day with Yahah" storybook to connect First Nations agriculture concepts to the growing of food.



Spuds in Tubs

“Students absolutely LOVED the entire process. They looked forward to watering their tubs every week. They were so excited to see all the roots and digging to find their potatoes when they harvested. They found their own recipes and worked in small groups to prepare and cook the potatoes they harvested. AMAZING experience!”

- Jane Han, North Ridge Elementary | Surrey



Partners: W & A Farms | BC Potato and Vegetable Growers Association | Buy BC | Cargill | Canadian Western Bank | Delta Community Foundation | Grow Grants | MNP — Leslie McConnell | Otter Co-op | TerraLink Horticulture Inc. | Vandeven Financial Solutions Ltd./The Co-operators

Supporters: Benjamin Moore — Abbotsford | Buckerfield's Limited — Abbotsford, Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Saanich, Salmon Arm, W. Kelowna | C Y Grower Supplies Ltd. | Dykhof Nurseries & Florist — North Vancouver | GardenWorks — Burnaby/Lougheed, Mandeville | Grow & Gather (Trice Farms Ltd.) — Maple Ridge | Hunters Garden Centre — Surrey, Vancouver | Minter Country Garden — Chilliwack | Phoenix Perennials and Specialty Plants | Sticks 'N Stones Nursery | Individual Donors



PLANTING A PROMISE

Since 2013, the Planting a Promise has been offered to British Columbia schools. Participating classrooms grow flowers from bulbs while learning the art and science of growing.

Planting a Promise showcases the real power of flowers! In addition to providing valuable agriculture education, the program provides students with the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and experience the positive mental, physical, and social benefits of gardening. Plus, new program activities help connect youth with seniors in their communities over their shared love for flowers!



Planting A Promise



“Thank you for the opportunity to work on this project with my students. It's always so engaging to bring hands-on experience into the library and to tie it with texts. It has been an uplifting and beautiful experience of our entire school and wider community.”

-Teacher, Richardson Elementary | Delta

Partners: Van Noorts Bulbs | Art Knapp — Courtenay | Buckerfields — Abbotsford, Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Saanich, Salmon Arm, W. Kelowna | Dykhof Nurseries & Florist | GardenWorks — Burnaby/Lougheed | GardenWorks — Mandeville | Grow & Gather | Hunters Garden Centre — Surrey, Vancouver | Phoenix Perennials | Sticks 'N Stones Nursery — Campbell River



481
SCHOOLS

12,025
STUDENTS

2,405
TUBS

103,415
POTATOES HARVESTED

397
CLASSROOMS

9,925
STUDENTS

13,895
BULBS PLANTED

77
COMMUNITIES

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

HARVEST BIN PROJECT

The Harvest Bin Project provides schools with bins as raised beds, funds, and mentorship for establishing their own growing gardens.

Planting, maintaining, and harvesting the gardens with the 3-year program offers hands-on learning experience. From caring for the soil to learning about plant life cycles and pollinators, this program models the principles of sustainable agriculture. The project allows students to make valuable connections between growing food, food security, and the agriculture industry.



“ I have been pleasantly surprised as to how the harvest bins have been received by the school and the classes. The classes have all been actively participating by deciding what to plant and either planting seeds or plants into the bins. Since the bins are right outside of my classroom window, I see classes coming and watering, weeding, and checking on their plants. It is a great sight to behold! They are learning to take care and to be respectful of the plants.”

- Marie Doyle, St. James and St. Anne Elementary | Abbotsford



Partners: BC Youth in Agriculture Foundation | Diamond Delivery | Rick's Heart Foundation | Silver Valley Farms | Snowcrest Foods Ltd.

AG ADVENTURES

Classrooms love our new Ag Adventures program! Launched in April 2022, the free 90-minute K-12 tours provide opportunities for students to get outside, enjoy the fresh air, and get their hands dirty in the soil – all while learning about BC's agriculture and food story!

We were excited to be able to offer tours at a new partner location - Stable Harvest Farm in Langley in spring 2022. We were not able to offer tours at The Pencil Patch post-flood but rebuilding of the learning garden took place throughout 2022 with a team of dedicated staff and volunteers and we look forward to resuming tours at the Abbotsford site soon.



Supporters: City of Abbotsford | Abbotsford Community Foundation through the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund | First West Foundation | BC Youth in Agriculture Foundation | Fraser Valley Dairy Farmers | McDonald & Ross Construction Ltd. | Stable Harvest Farm

15
SCHOOLS

75
BINS

900
STUDENTS

44
EDUCATORS

25
SCHOOLS

1,070
STUDENTS

10
VOLUNTEERS AND
STAFF

1000's
SMILES

COOKING WITH LOCAL FOODS

FIELD TO FORK CHALLENGE

The Field to Fork Challenge is a celebration of our province's bounty of ingredients and BC youth's creativity in the kitchen. The annual Challenge invites BC youth to enter BC grown recipes and demo videos for a chance to win cash prizes, get their recipes published, and attend a virtual conference.

Since 2020, the Field to Fork Challenge has showcased dozens of culinary creations from BC youth across the province. It's a great opportunity for students to learn about the value of cooking with locally grown foods.



Partners: BCAITC, 4-H BC, and the Youth Development Team from the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, with the support of Buy BC and Save-On-Foods.

CULINARY ARTS IN ACTION

TAKE A BITE OF BC

For 12 years, BCAITC, together with the BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association, and BC agriculture commodity groups and producers, have delivered fresh, locally grown product five times a year to secondary schools with Culinary Arts programs. Take a Bite of BC students use the BC product to create healthy dishes for their school's student population. The schools' teaching chefs also provide valuable farm-to-table education in conjunction with the program.



"The beef is amazing - wonderful quality and quantity. We've used it in a variety of dishes from Cabbage rolls to Indian Tacos :) students love it!"

-Tara Sjolund, Gudangaay Tlaats'gaa Naay Secondary | Masset



Partners: BC Blueberry Council | BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission | BC Cattlemen's Association | BC Chicken Marketing Board | BC Cranberry Marketing Commission | BC Dairy Association | BC Egg Marketing Board | BCfresh | BC Frozen Foods Ltd. | BC Grain Producers Association | BC Hot House Foods Inc. | BC Pork Producers Association | BC Processing Vegetable Industry Development Fund | BC Raspberry Industry Development Council | BC Salmon Farmers Association | BC Shellfish Growers Association | BC Strawberry Growers Association | BC Tree Fruits Cooperative | BC Turkey Farmers | Buy BC | Cargill | Creekside Hothouse Ltd. | Fraser Valley Cole Crop Growers' Association | Fraser Valley Peas, Bush Beans, & Corn Growers' Association | Fraser Valley Specialty Poultry | Golden Valley Foods | Highline Mushrooms | Mainland Milk Producers Association | Metro Vancouver Agriculture Awareness Grant | Ocean Spray of Canada | Pacific Halibut Management Association | Silver Valley Farms | Sofina Foods | South Alder Farms | Van Eekelen Enterprises | VersaCold Logistics Services | Windset Farms

11

STUDENT FINALISTS

7

4-H BC FINALISTS

18

BC GROWN RECIPES

1

GREAT COOKBOOK

60

TEACHING KITCHENS

7,271

CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

46,140

LBS FRESH BC PRODUCE

36

PRODUCT DONORS

INSPIRING EDUCATORS

SUMMER INSTITUTE

The 2022 Summer Institute was once again a success! The BCAITC and UBC Faculty of Education's Summer Institute course - BC Agriculture in the Curriculum - was delivered to 30 teacher participants in July 2022. This year saw the return of the in-person course (after two years of being delivered virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic).

The popular course provides participants with innovative and interactive ways to learn about BC's amazing agriculture and food story - and how to successfully deliver agriculture and food education into K-12 classrooms.



Guest Speakers: Agriculture Land Commission | Abbotsford Heritage Society (Trethewey House) | BCAITC | Garibaldi Secondary | Pacific Halibut Management Association of BC | Rose Gate Dairy Farm | Sardis Secondary | Stable Harvest Farm | University of British Columbia | W&A Farms

Product Donors: 1 Fish 2 Fish Fresh Seafood Market | BC Chicken Marketing Board | BC Turkey Marketing Board | Pacific Halibut Management Association

Prize Donors: BC Chicken Marketing Board | Farmers Credit Canada | Urban Jungle Nursery

Summer Institute



"The Summer Institute was an inspiring course that has created a desire for me to learn more about agriculture and bring it into my classroom to share with my students."

" -Jenessa Parker, Summer Institute Participant

OUTSTANDING TEACHER IN AGRICULTURE AWARD



OUTSTANDING TEACHER IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

BCAITC is pleased to announce that Michelle Johnsrude is the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Teacher in Agriculture Award. Michelle Johnsrude received this award for demonstrating outstanding leadership and innovation in agriculture education. The award was presented to her at BC Agriculture Council's BC Agri-Foods Industry Gala on January 25, 2023.

Michelle Johnsrude is a secondary-level teacher at Highroad Academy in Chilliwack. Her journey with agriculture began in 2008 when she started a garden club at the school - with inspiration from a tour to the agriculture program at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV). She worked with the university to introduce students to agriculture at the UFV site and then eventually taught grade 11/12 Sustainable Resources courses at Highroad Academy.

With help from local businesses and collaboration with colleagues from Sardis School farm, farmers, and other organizations, Michelle and the school team built raised beds at the back of the Highroad Academy site. Building on the success of gardening beds, she then expanded the learning with BCAITC programs and used the garden as the canvas for students to learn. With the blueberries and strawberries they grew, she taught them to make smoothies and open a smoothie bar at the school to sell their healthy drinks. She realized that students are more engaged in learning with hands-on activities - planting and maintaining a garden, then eating or sharing what they have grown brings great satisfaction.

Michelle Johnsrude also connects the Highroad Academy school garden to the community. The school grows vegetables for the local Salvation Army soup kitchen. Also, her students, along with the food classes, make a giant batch of soup after the harvest to feed over 300 elementary school students. The most recent expansion was the building of a greenhouse last year that will allow the school to grow crops in the winter. Michelle feels strongly that schools play an important role in educating about agriculture. Every time a community member or board supports educators, results are multiplied so many times through the students they teach.

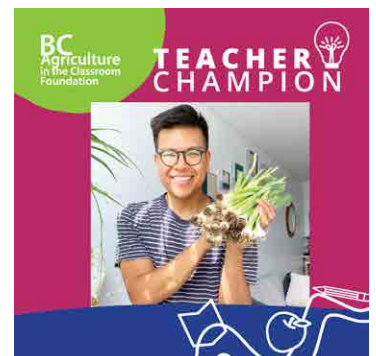
BCAITC congratulates Michelle Johnsrude on this prestigious award!

BCAITC has been presenting BC teachers with the Outstanding Teacher in Agriculture Award since 2004. The award acknowledges teachers who are ambassadors for agriculture education - they are people who make it a priority for their students to learn about BC food and farming. Thank you to DairyCrop for generously sponsoring this award.

TEACHER CHAMPIONS

Building off the Outstanding Teacher in Agriculture Award, our new Teacher Champion series launched in late 2021. The monthly series profiles BC teachers and school staff who are passionate about educating K-12 students about local agriculture, food, and the environment. The profiles provide inspirational ideas of how the educational community can bring agriculture and food education into their own classrooms.

Thank you to DairyCrop for support of our Teacher Champion series and agriculture and food education in BC.



30

TEACHER PARTICIPANTS

5

DAYS

12

SPEAKERS & FARMERS

5

FARM TOURS

575 RESOURCES

BCAITC offers hundreds of K-12 agriculture and food resources including lessons, unit plans, activities, videos, recipes, and more! Educators and students can easily download these free resources from www.bcaitc.ca.

Dozens of innovative new resources were developed in 2022. See our highlights below!



FARM EXPLORER BC

Building off the success of Grow BC, Farm Explorer BC launched in November 2022. This new GIS webpage (powered by Esri Canada) provides a close-up look at over 500 farms and agriculture experiences. It features:

- **A Web Map:** Users can pick a region and search for farms in their area and then have fun routing a farm road trip and sharing it with friends!
- **Farm Listings:** Users can find for instant information on what farms offer and how they can easily connect with them.
- **Farm Stories:** Users can get the inside scoop on a cranberry farm, apiary, nursery, dairy, and other farm experiences and how they contribute to our agriculture systems.



30-YEAR CELEBRATION RESOURCES

To commemorate our 30 years, we developed new resources showcasing the very best in agriculture and food education. Happy learning!

- **30-Year Ag-Activity Packs:** Filled with seasonal gardening ideas, games, crafts, recipes, and puzzles for grade 2-7 students, these two seasonal fun packs are some of our most popular resources!
- **30 School Garden Tips:** For teachers thinking of starting a school garden or wanting to enhance their existing garden, these 30 tips cultivate success!
- **30 Favourite K-7 Agriculture Books:** We rounded up some of our favourite K-12 books about agriculture and food. Enjoy!
- **30 Favourite BC Grown Recipes:** This resource shows off some of our most popular recipes of all-time.
- **30 Favourite K-12 Agriculture & Food Resources:** Our most popular resources were collected and featured together in this handy resource.



NEW RESOURCES

More than two dozen forward-thinking K-12 resources were developed in 2021. Highlights include:

- **Spotlight on Halibut:** In conjunction with Buy BC, a new Spotlight Series on Halibut was launched to complement the existing series. The grade 8-12 toolkit includes a video, lesson plan, recipe, and Grow BC resource.
- **Common Ground:** The Strawberry Project Teacher Handbook: This delivers program information and related activities to K-9 classrooms.
- **Gathering Information About Wild and Cultivated Plants:** Developed In conjunction with the featured book for Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month, 'A Day with Yayah' this lesson plan features provides Science and First Peoples knowledge at two grade levels.
- **More: Healthy Hybrids, Marvelous Milk, Potatoes for the Planet!, Telling BC's Food Stories, and Unlocking Agriculture**



NEW RECIPES

Chef Trevor Randle and Take a Bite of BC chefs developed 15 new recipes in 2022. Student-tested and approved, these tasty recipes feature global flavours combined with local ingredients.



98,305
WEBSITE VISITS

27,048
WEBSITE DOWNLOADS

19
NEW RESOURCES

15
NEW RECIPES

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2022 was packed full of fun. The BCAITC team hosted and participated in activities throughout the province including virtual, hybrid, and in-person events as to activities as COVID-19 restrictions loosened.

FEBRUARY:

- Cook-Along BC Event for Canada's Ag Day

MARCH:

- Canadian Agriculture Literacy Challenge
- Read 30 Books for 30 Years Literacy Challenge
- The Great Big Crunch
- Pacific Agriculture Show
- Kamloops Teachers Association Presentation

APRIL:

- BC Agri-Foods Industry Gala Silent Auction
- Cheers to 30 Years Gala

MAY:

- BC Greenhouse Days Virtual Tours
- Surrey Teachers Association Conference Presentation

JUNE:

- 2022 BC Culinary Arts Specialists Association Connections Spring Conference Tour

JULY:

- UBC Gardening Class Presentation
- Fusion Festival Demonstration

AUGUST:

- E.A.T. Educators Agriculture Tour
- Pacific National Exhibition Cooking Demonstration
- Central Okanagan Teachers' Association Summer Conference Presentation

SEPTEMBER:

- Day at the Farm Cooking Demonstration
- Cook-Along BC Event for BC Chicken Month and National Organic Week
- BC Greenhouse Veggie Days Public Tours
- BC Agriculture Day Preview Exhibit

OCTOBER:

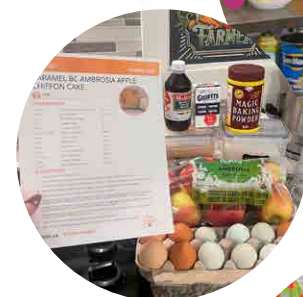
- Teachers of Home Economics Specialist Association Conference Exhibit
- The Middle Years Provincial Intermediate Teachers' Association Pro-D Day Fall Conference Exhibit and Presentation

NOVEMBER:

- BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils DPAC Summit Exhibit
- Career Educators Society Annual Conference Exhibit and Presentation
- BC Dairy Conference Exhibit

DECEMBER:

- Cook-Along BC Event with White Spot
- 30 Years Trivia Contest



EDUCATION SPECIALIST REPORT



EDUCATION SPECIALIST
HOLLY JOHNSON
January to December 2022

The 30th year of BCAITC was filled with program development, resource writing, professional development for teachers, and the continued sharing of BC's food story. January brought the Field to Fork Challenge Virtual Conference where participants joined from across BC to learn about farming and were able to cook food together. We did a virtual tour of a broiler chicken, hazelnut farm, and honey farm, and had Q and A's with the farmers. I was also able to do an activity featuring each of these commodities with the attendees- the favourite being a honey tasting! The winter months also were full of finalizing the information signs for school tours at Stable Harvest Farm, and the finishing of the 30 Favourite K-12 Agriculture Resources and 30 Favourite K-7 Agriculture Books lists. We also opened registration for our Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) Reading Challenge.

March was CALM, and with this came the Great Canadian Farm Tour, which I got to be part of by co-hosting a tour of a BC egg farm. Our reading challenge encouraged students from all across the province to read 30 agriculture books to celebrate 30 years. I also began working on our new Spotlight resources for Wild Pacific Halibut. The spring also brought the Pacific Agriculture Show in Abbotsford for networking and the further promotions of our resources and programs. I also delivered a virtual workshop for the Kamloops Teachers Association, focusing on careers in agriculture. Then we wrapped up April with our 30th anniversary Cheers to 30 Years gala dinner!

As we entered the last quarter of the school year, I presented a workshop to the Surrey Teachers Association, focused on the Fresh Stories resources and the many interactive activities featured to engage students with BC products. I also worked on organizing and editing resources for our site, AITC-C, and ShareEd BC.

As summer came to the Okanagan, I was able to wrap up the school year with farm tours at Helen's Acres (our new 2023 Ag Adventures field trip location!), and the writing of new resources. In July, I was able to present in-person to a UBC's Okanagan Campus Gardening Class for education students and in August was able to participate in the highly engaging Educators Agriculture Tour in Delta. I also presented about our programs and resources to the Central Okanagan Teachers Association at their August professional development days.



As the good weather continued into the late fall, we met to finalize the launch of the Ag Adventures Farm Tours at Helen's Acres, and worked on the information signs that will be installed there. I also presented a workshop at the Provincial Intermediate and Middle Years Teachers' Association Conference in Delta, and was able to share resources and information about our programs with over a hundred teachers at our exhibitor booth.

With the snow came a workshop to a STEM education class at UBC's Okanagan Campus, a careers in agriculture workshop for the Career Education Society in Vancouver, and a presentation to new teacher candidates at UBC. As the year wraps up, I am thankful for all the opportunities to share with teachers virtually and in person. I am also thankful for all the new resources I have been able to work on- these help teachers to deliver up to date, accurate and interesting information about BC's Food Story with their students.



BC AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION IS A PROUD MEMBER OF AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM CANADA.

Agriculture in the Classroom Canada (AITC-C) collaborates with its ten provincial member organizations to provide engaging learning experiences that ignite students' curiosity and teaches them the important role agriculture and food play in our everyday lives. Our own Executive Director, Pat Tonn, is the voice for British Columbia on the Board of Directors and is also the AITC-C Chair for the 2020-22 term.

Together, we are working towards the goal of providing every student in Canada with an agriculture education experience, every year. Informed, inspired students are key to developing the workforces we need, and the public trust required to maintain the success of agriculture in the global market. As a result of this collaborative, pan-Canadian effort, agriculture comes to life in classrooms through agriculture resources, programs and initiatives.

Those activities on the AITC-C website: aitc-canada.ca include Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month reading challenges and projects like Great Canadian Farm Tour. There is a career-focused thinkAG initiative with its award-winning website thinkAG.ca, inspiring students to see themselves in promising agriculture careers, as well as [snapAG information sheets](#), and [Guardians of the Grasslands](#), and [Real Dirt on Farming teachers' guides](#). The AITC-C website also hosts a resource library of curriculum linked pan-Canadian agriculture and food teaching resources.

AITC-C has identified three strategic pillars – THINK, KNOW, and FEEL - that are shaping the future of our learning approach, the topics we feature, and how these directly impact students' connection to agriculture and food across the country.

THANK YOU

GIVING BACK

BCAIRC supports like-minded non-profit organizations who help us amplify agriculture and food education including:

SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS: To highlight the connection between agriculture and science, BCAIRC supports the Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia. Each year, we contribute 13 regional science fair awards for outstanding agriculture student projects.

4-H BRITISH COLUMBIA (4-H BC) SCHOLARSHIP: BCAIRC provides an annual BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation Teacher Education Scholarship to a 4-H BC member who is enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a university teacher education program for use in post-secondary education training.



GROW WITH US

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past thirty years to help us bring exciting agriculture and food education to BC's K-12 students, educators, and schools. We are grateful for your time and expertise to help us create enhanced and expanded student programs and resources.

Join us as we grow in 2023 and beyond! There are many ways you can get involved — partner, donate, or volunteer. Visit www.bcairc.ca to discover the possibilities!



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Donor categories reflect accumulated donations.

OUR TEAM



Pictured from left to right above, in order listed below

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- Holly Johnson** BEd, Education Specialist
- Paul Boudreau** BA, Lead Program Coordinator, Logistics
- Amy Keryluik** BGS, Program Coordinator/Administration
- Meghan McCrea** BCom, Communications Coordinator
- Tina Evans**, Program and Events Coordinator
- Komal Jhaj**, Program Coordinator/Administration
- Alison Speirs** BA, BAA, PAg, Garden Program Coordinator

We gratefully acknowledge the place we work is the traditional and unceded territory of the Stó:lō people, the Mathxwi First Nation and the Sema:th First Nation.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORT TEAM

- Trevor Randle – Chef Instructor from Maple Ridge Secondary – is the official BCAITC Chef, taking the Take a Bite of BC message to public events.
- Nicole Davey is the bookkeeper for the Foundation. Nicole works closely with the Treasurer and Executive Director.
- The team at Stratum Systems administers the website and provides IT support.
- Michela Sorrentino of hermani + sorrentino design and the team of Two Bears Creative provide graphic design for the Foundation.
- Carol Watterson and Rachelle Kanefsky edit materials for our website.
- Kenneth A Forcier CPA Inc. of Abbotsford completed the Review Engagement for 2022 and subsequently provided the Foundation's financial statements.
- Barbara Adams of HR Architects works with the Foundation Board and staff on Board Governance and Human Resources.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the amazing team of volunteers who contributed their valuable skills, times, and resources in 2022:

- **BC SCHOOL FRUIT & VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM:** 4,000+ Volunteers
- **AG ADVENTURES:** Pat Buchanan, Barb Day, Don Day, James Evans Robert Hansen, Nikole Kondo, Kat Lane, May Luong, Max Zhong, Students from Surrey Christian School, May Luong, Gertrude Ferenci, Shan Chua, Freya Cirulis, Sean Melia, Barb Hudson, Ross & McDonald Construction, Geoff Lewis.
- **FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER:** Guna Brar, May Luong
- **SPUDS IN TUBS:** Bonnie Bausenhaus, Kurt Bausenhaus, Kim DiCastrì, Sheryl Martens, Jim Johnston, Katie Lowe, Sandy Marr, Melanie Lantz, BJ Severson, Greg Severson, Rose Tamboline, Rick Tilitzky
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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the members of:
British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

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Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to me obtaining evidence I considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation. Therefore, I was unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been found necessary with respect to fundraising revenue, excess of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, current assets as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2022 and 2021 year ends. My conclusion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on my review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation as at December 31, 2022, and results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Kenneth A. Forcier CPA Inc.
Chartered Professional Accountant

Abbotsford, British Columbia
April 18, 2023

BRITISH COLUMBIA
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Unaudited)

As at December 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 5,596,454	\$ 6,077,593
Accounts Receivable	546	14,000
GST Refundable	25,572	19,569
Inventory (Note 4)	26,084	17,230
Prepaid Expense	<u>3,177</u>	<u>3,177</u>
	<u>5,651,833</u>	<u>6,131,569</u>
LONG TERM		
Capital Assets (Note 5)	<u>-</u>	<u>403</u>
	<u>\$ 5,651,833</u>	<u>\$ 6,131,972</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 25,440	\$ 100,649
Unearned Revenue (Note 6)	<u>4,163,882</u>	<u>4,855,759</u>
	<u>4,189,322</u>	<u>4,956,408</u>
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS		
Capital Asset Fund	-	403
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>1,462,511</u>	<u>1,175,161</u>
	<u>1,462,511</u>	<u>1,175,564</u>
	<u>\$ 5,651,833</u>	<u>\$ 6,131,972</u>

Approved by the Board



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Kenneth A. Forcier CPA, Inc.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
RECEIPTS		
Donations	143,251	136,356
Program Revenue and Other (Schedule 1)	271,812	185,864
Program Sponsorships and Grants (Schedule 2)	303,903	69,600
Interest	184,252	59,881
Resource Sales	<u>662</u>	<u>688</u>
	<u>903,880</u>	<u>452,389</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Advertising and Promotion	42,916	29,109
Conference and Meetings	2,885	1,545
Contracts and Wages	307,950	261,099
Insurance	3,907	3,715
Office and Miscellaneous	7,770	3,616
Professional Fees	6,150	6,150
Resources Development and Printing	1,281	215
Travel	6,181	1,023
Programs - Other (Schedule 3)	<u>237,490</u>	<u>124,562</u>
	<u>616,530</u>	<u>431,034</u>
SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 287,350</u>	<u>\$ 21,355</u>

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BRITISH COLUMBIA
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Capital Asset Fund</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
BALANCE, beginning of year	\$ 403	\$ 1,175,161	\$ 1,175,564	\$ 1,154,339
Surplus of revenue over expenditures:	-	287,350	287,350	21,355
Transfer from unrestricted:				
Amortization	<u>(403)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(403)</u>	<u>(130)</u>
SURPLUS, end of the year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,511</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,511</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,564</u>

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BRITISH COLUMBIA
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Net surplus	\$ <u>287,350</u>	\$ <u>21,355</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts Receivable	13,455	(2,449)
GST Recoverable	(6,002)	(316)
Inventory	(8,854)	2,376
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(75,211)	83,333
Unearned Revenue	<u>(691,877)</u>	<u>706,039</u>
	<u>(768,489)</u>	<u>788,983</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(481,139)	810,338
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>6,077,593</u>	<u>5,267,255</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 5,596,454</u>	<u>\$ 6,077,593</u>

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

December 31, 2022

1. PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation is a non-profit organization and was incorporated under the *Society Act* of British Columbia on August 9, 1999. The foundation is a charity registered under section 149(1)(i) of the *Income Tax Act* and is therefore not subject to taxation.

The purposes of the foundation are:

- to promote an awareness and understanding of sustainable agriculture and food systems in B.C. Schools;
- to enable students to make informed decisions about food choices, food safety, the importance of our own supply of food and other agriculture products as well as the protection of B.C.'s agriculture resources;
- to foster awareness of careers to be found in agriculture and food systems;
- to attract funding for the research, development and implementation of programs to meet the above stated purposes of the society;
- to provide classroom ready resource material and activities on the agri-food system which can be integrated into the existing school curriculum;
- to provide in-service professional development on the agri-food system for British Columbia teachers; and
- to establish a clearing house of agri-food system resources for classroom teachers.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the foundation are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO). Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant.

The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

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December 31, 2022

(a) FUND ACCOUNTING

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The General Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities. This program reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The Capital Asset Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses related to the Foundation's Capital Assets.

(b) INVENTORY

Inventory, which is comprised of publication materials held for distribution, is valued at the lower of cost or replacement cost.

(c) USE OF ESTIMATES

When preparing financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, the Foundation makes estimates and assumptions relating to:

- Reported amounts of revenues and expenses;
- Reported amounts of assets and liabilities; and
- Disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities.

Management's assumptions are based on a number of factors, including historical experience, current events and actions that the organization may undertake in the future, and other assumptions that I believe are reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different conditions and assumptions. Estimates were used when accounting for certain items, such as the useful lives of assets, impairment of long-lived assets and deferred operating grants.

Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment. These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in the periods in which they became known.

(d) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year when related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

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(Unaudited)

December 31, 2022

(e) CONTRIBUTED GOODS

Products having a fair market value \$120,615 (2021 - \$ 98,229) have been donated to the foundation for use in their programs by the following organizations: BC Cattlemen's Association, BC Chicken Marketing Board, BC Dairy Association, BC Egg, BC Fresh, BC Frozen Foods, BC Grain Producers Association, BC Hot House, BC Pork, BC Salmon Farmer's Association, BC Shellfish Growers Association, BC Strawberry Growers Association, BC Turkey Marketing Board, Sofina Foods, Creekside Hothouse, Fraser Valley Special Poultry, Highline Mushrooms, Ocean Spray, Pacific Halibut Management Association of BC, Silver Valley Farms, South Alder Farms, Windset Farms, W&A Farms, and Pacific Pet.

(f) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Foundation uses risk management to monitor and manage its risk arising from financial instruments. These risks include credit risk, interest rate risk and market risk.

The Foundation does not use any derivative financial instruments to mitigate these risks.

Credit risk

Credit risks arise from two sources; cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. Cash and cash equivalents are deposited with reputable, major financial institutions to limit the credit risk exposure. The credit risk from parties not paying accounts receivable is not considered to be significant.

Interest rate risk

The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to cash equivalents. Changes in interest rates can affect the fair value of investments and the cash flows related to interest income and expense.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk exposure is dependent on the receipt of funds from Provincial Government grants and other sources to enable the Foundation to pay its liabilities as they become due.

Market risk

In the Directors' opinion, the Foundation is not exposed to any significant market risk.

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December 31, 2022

(g) CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets are recorded at cost. Amortization has been calculated using the following methods and rates as follows, except in the year of acquisition when one half of the rate is used. No amortization is applied in the year of disposal.

Displays and fixtures	20% diminishing balance
Computer equipment	30% diminishing balance
Equipment	20% diminishing balance

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Canadian Western Bank business savings account, bearing tiered interest. 1.50% on the first \$250,000. 1.85% on the balance between \$250,000 and \$15,000,000. 2.50% on the balance over \$15,000,000.	\$ 745	\$ 739
Canadian Western Bank operating account, bearing interest at the banks prime rate - 1.90%	1,805,572	842,159
Canadian Western Bank flex account, bearing interest at the banks prime rate - 1.45%	3,282,535	4,734,696
Canadian Western Bank GIC, bearing interest at 1.40% maturing March 15, 2023	202,800	200,000
Canadian Western Bank GIC, bearing interest at 1.60% maturing July 15, 2023	<u>304,800</u>	<u>300,000</u>
	\$ 5,596,454	\$ 6,077,593

At December 31, 2022 the Prime Rate was 6.45% (2021 - 2.45%).

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December 31, 2022

4. INVENTORY

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
BCSFVNP	\$ 5,614	\$ 4,011
Alfabet Book	700	5,210
Spuds in Tubs	7,662	-
Take a Bite of BC	5,190	321
Other	<u>6,918</u>	<u>7,688</u>
	<u>\$ 26,084</u>	<u>\$ 17,230</u>

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net 2022</u>	<u>Net 2021</u>
Computer equipment	\$ 21,179	\$ 21,179	\$ -	\$ 166
Displays and fixtures	4,207	4,207	-	24
Equipment	<u>4,299</u>	<u>4,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213</u>
	<u>\$ 29,685</u>	<u>\$ 29,685</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 403</u>

6. UNEARNED REVENUE

Unearned revenue relates to certain funding received during the year that, in the opinion of the directors is attributable as income in a subsequent year. The funds will be used to deliver the BCSFVNP.

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7. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION

The Foundation is committed to a premises lease expiring August 31, 2025, with amounts due over the next fiscal year as follows:

Year	Amount
2023	\$35,340
2024	\$37,698
2025	\$40,052

8. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Foundation received the majority of its funding from the Province of British Columbia and is therefore economically dependant on continued funding in order to ensure ongoing delivery of certain of its programs.

9. REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES

As required to disclose by the Societies Act of British Columbia, the Executive Director was remunerated \$134,834 (2021 - \$126,762) in wages and benefits.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31, 2022

SCHEDULE I - BC SCHOOL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUE		
BCSFVNP	\$ 4,681,151	\$ 3,179,058
Fresh to You BC School Fundraiser	<u>120,867</u>	<u>104,539</u>
	<u>4,802,018</u>	<u>3,283,597</u>
EXPENDITURES		
PROGRAM - BCSFVNP		
Product and Primary Distribution	2,657,269	1,703,076
Carrier Costs	257,726	459,057
Program Materials	43,930	34,419
PAC Funding and Training	1,250	2,500
Salaries and Training	175,939	160,441
Program Office and Administration	78,502	66,368
Computer Programming	50,637	53,905
Special Projects	3,998	12,628
Fresh to You BC School Fundraiser	115,147	155,799
Fridge Grants	9,698	17,147
Program Evaluation	-	6,493
	<u>3,394,096</u>	<u>2,671,833</u>
PROGRAM - MILK		
Product and Primary Distribution	1,038,850	385,112
Carrier Costs	94,800	39,149
Computer Programming	2,460	1,435
Program Materials	-	205
	<u>1,136,110</u>	<u>425,901</u>
	<u>4,530,206</u>	<u>3,097,734</u>
BCAITC ADMINISTRATION FEE	<u>\$ 271,812</u>	<u>\$ 185,863</u>

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For the year ended December 31, 2022

SCHEDULE 2 - SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SPONSORSHIPS AND GRANTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
RECEIPTS		
Grant Income	203,059	33,300
Harvest Bin Project	630	-
Planting a Promise	300	4,000
Spuds in Tubs	28,090	11,000
Summer Institute Sponsor	593	-
Take a Bite of BC	<u>71,231</u>	<u>21,300</u>
	<u>\$ 303,903</u>	<u>\$ 69,600</u>

SCHEDULE 3 - SCHEDULE OF OTHER PROGRAMS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
EXPENDITURES		
PROGRAMS - OTHER		
Common Ground Strawberry Project	1,811	-
Pencil Patch	25,753	2,248
Planting a Promise	10,679	5,067
Regional Science Fair Awards	740	1,000
Spuds in Tubs	59,042	23,499
Summer Institute	13,262	5,407
Take a Bite of BC	90,561	60,773
Teacher Workshops	14,278	2,172
The Harvest Bin Project	1,524	2,910
Trial Program Initiatives	<u>19,840</u>	<u>21,486</u>
	<u>\$ 237,490</u>	<u>\$ 124,562</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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