

AAFC Celebrates International Year of Soils at Ag in the City in Saskatoon, SK

Ag in the City Saskatoon, SK is an annual urban agriculture awareness event held on a Saturday at a local mall. Its purpose is to educate people about the role agriculture plays in their everyday lives – that is, that in one way or another, agriculture is around them all the time, every day. The event is growing bigger every year, and this year it's estimated that there were about 12,000 people through the doors, with about 5000 people visiting or viewing the more than 20 exhibitors participating in Ag in the City.



This year, the event was organized into zones (science, career, crops, animals, food), with AAFC's "The Dirt on Soils" exhibit anchoring the Science Zone. Staffed by Michelle Hubbard, Melissa Arcand, Barbara Cade-Menun and Bobbi Helgason, the display featured many hands on activities, including hand texturing, vermicomposting, erosion models and microscopes for kids, showing close-ups of soil biota. Thanks to the Department of Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan, we handed out "I love soils" stickers to the hundreds of visitors to our booth.

