



## Little Green Thumbs Program Celebrates 13<sup>th</sup> Year of Harvest

### Media Release

**June 2, 2025** - Agriculture in the Classroom Newfoundland and Labrador (AITC-NL) would like to give a “thumbs up” to our Little Green Thumbs and Little Green Sprouts classes on their successful gardens this year.

Congratulations to our Little Green Thumbs and Sprouts classes for growing their way through another successful year. The program aims to help young people value their health, the environment, and their communities through active participation in an indoor classroom garden. We are happy to say that 117 classroom lighting systems have been upgraded to a LED lighting system to be more energy efficient.

AITC-NL has 300 Little Green Thumbs and Sprouts classes in 120 schools participating in Harvest Celebrations in May and June. That’s 3,800 Little Green Thumbs and 2,000 Little Green Sprouts students across Newfoundland and Labrador! WAY TO GROW!!!

In May, students participated in Harvest Celebrations by visiting farms; hosting concerts for their parents, grandparents, and special guests; having harvest feasts with their crops; visiting greenhouses; and sharing the gift of their gardens! Students will continue to enjoy their Harvest Celebrations throughout the month of June.

AITC-NL would like to thank our partners, who make Harvest Celebrations special for our Little Green Thumbs and Sprouts classes. This program would not have blossomed without the dedication of partnerships, sponsors, volunteers, and dedicated teachers and students.

“Everyone wins when young people learn about where their food comes from and start to grow their passion for agriculture. I hope that this experience inspires some of our Little Green Thumbs and Sprouts to look at careers in sector in the future.”

The Honourable Heath MacDonald  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food



“The Provincial Government supports a wide range of programs that promote food self-sufficiency and a strong agriculture sector, but there’s something extra special about the Little Green Thumbs and Little Green Sprouts. Giving children an opportunity to actively participate in growing and sharing their own food germinates a sense of pride and accomplishment that will grow for a lifetime. Enjoy your harvest, Little Green Thumbs and Sprouts!”

Honourable Lisa Dempster

Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

We have a waitlist of classes requesting gardens for September 2025. If you are interested in becoming a contributor, sponsor, or volunteer of AITC-NL or the Little Green Thumbs programs, please contact us.

AITC-NL is funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), a five-year (2023-2028), \$3.5 billion agreement between the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada’s agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. The agreement includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programs and activities funded 60 per cent by the federal government and 40 per cent by provincial/territorial governments for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories. Newfoundland and Labrador's farmers and producers have access to more than \$42 million in cost-shared Sustainable CAP funding. Sustainable CAP approved \$330,000 annually to support Agriculture in the Classroom activities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Please visit our website at [www.aitcnl.ca](http://www.aitcnl.ca).

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