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Peace Region Turf & Forage Seed Industry

2006 Research & Extension Activities of Peace Region Forage Seed Association



The vision is to improve the quality, consistency and profitability of the turf and forage seed industry in the Peace River Region.



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Research Activities of PRFSA in 2006

1. Agronomy, Crop Rotation & Establishment Trials:

- Sources of Nitrogen on 3 Grasses.
Contacts: Fairey/ Yoder/ AAFC Year 1 of 2.
- Comparison of 46-0-0 to 46-0-0 + Agrotain in Fescue.
Contacts: Yoder/ CPCS Year 1 of 1.
- Removing Creeping Red Fescue for Direct Seeding.
Contacts: CPCS/ Yoder/ Brett Young Year 2 of 2.

2. Forage Seed Variety Trials:

Western Canadian Grass Seed Testing Program

- Grass Seed Yield Cultivar Trials Located at Beaverlodge and Baldonnel.
Contacts: Fairey/ AAFC/ Torheiden/ Burton

Disease Control / Resistance Trials

- Evaluating Seed Yields of Oracle vs Boreal Creeping Red Fescue at 6 sites.

3. Weed Control & Herbicide Tolerance Trials:

Weed Control Trials

- Fall Applied Ally on Timothy, Meadow Bromegrass, Smooth Bromegrass and Hybrid Bromegrass for Tolerance and Weed Control.
Contacts: Yoder/ Cole/ AAFC Year 3 of 3.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials

- Herbicide Tolerance in Alsike and Red Clover Seed.
Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA Year 3 of 4.

- Tolerance of Grasses & Legumes to Pre-seeding & Pre-emergent Herbicides.
Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AAFC/ Three Links Year 4 of 6.

- Herbicide Tolerance Trials of 3 Established Grasses to Axial.
Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AFFC/ Syngenta Year 1 of 1.

- Herbicide Tolerance Trials of Seedling Grasses & Legumes to Axial and Solo.
Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AFFC/ Syngenta Year 1 of 3.

4. Herbicide Minor Use Registration Trials:

- Compiling data of herbicide tolerance trials from several site years & submitting to Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) in Ottawa.

Example of Recent Minor Use Registrations Received in 2006:

- Prestige on seedling /established creeping red fescue, intermediate wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, meadow bromegrass, smooth bromegrass & timothy seed.

PRFSA Extension Activities in 2006 & 2007

1. Enabling growers to make informed responses:

- Survey for Case Bearer Insect in Red Clover Fields
Contacts: Otani / AAFC. Year 1 of 2.
- Demonstration: Adaptability of 6 Annual Legumes for Seed in Peace Region
Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA/ Three Links Year 1 of 1.

2. Organizing events to share information:

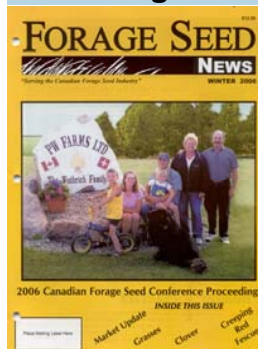
Canadian Turf & Forage Seed Conference held in Grande Prairie in March 2006.

Annual production and marketing seminars in the Peace Region.

Summer tours to various forage seed growing areas.

Production & Marketing Seminar on Wed Mar 14, 2007 at Sudeten Hall, Pioneer Village west side of Dawson Creek, BC.
Danish & Oregon perspectives, market updates, research highlights, clover case bearer survey, AGMs
Call Sandra at 1 877 630 2198

3. Sharing information with turf and forage seed growers:



Collaborating to compile the **Forage Seed News** magazine and mailing it to over 1100 turf and forage seed growers in the Peace Region.

Compiling production publications & facts sheets: for example, Red Clover Seed Production Guide was compiled in 2006; to be published in 2007.

Herbicide Tolerance Update 2007 being compiled.

Updating forage seed website, adding more articles, publications and links to great industry information.

Check out this website! <http://www.peaceforageseed.ca>

2007 Summer Tour Wed July 6 in Rycroft

Tour Topics include:

- Fescue removal with direct seeding rotations,
- Rates of N with direct seeding,
- Clover pest update,
- Producers' fields & more!

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