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If you as a grower choose not to support your industry.....**How do I apply for a refund?**

Growers need to apply in writing, and include:

1. Amounts of forage seed levy that was paid with each sale at all seed outlets.
2. The amount or percentage of the levy that they would like sent back.

What is the deadline to apply for refunds?

Applications for refunds must be received by the forage seed levy administrator on or before January 31. The deadline for applying for turf and forage seed levy funds paid at all seed outlets in 2005 is **January 31, 2006**. Refunds will be processed within a month, so that growers should receive their refund cheques in early March.

Where to apply?

To reduce costs of administration, there is one central office for administering the levy for both Alberta and British Columbia turf and forage seed growers.

All forage seed growers from Alberta and British Columbia wishing to apply for a refund need to send their application to the address below.

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 Email: bwillis@pris.ca
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Levy on Turf and Forage Seed Grown in the Peace River Region

Peace Region Forage Seed Association

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

If you as a grower choose to support your industry....

How will your levy funds collected from forage seed be used?

To strengthen research capabilities in the Peace Region: (23%)

Beaverlodge Research Trials:

- * Fertility
- * Entomology & disease
- * Varietal testing with Western Grass Seed Testing Program

Baldonnel Research Trials:

- * Varietal testing with Western Grass Seed Testing Program

Other Peace Region Research Topics and Sites

To ensure higher quality, consistency & profitability of forage seed production: (27%)

Spring/ fall weed control in new seed crops with new herbicides

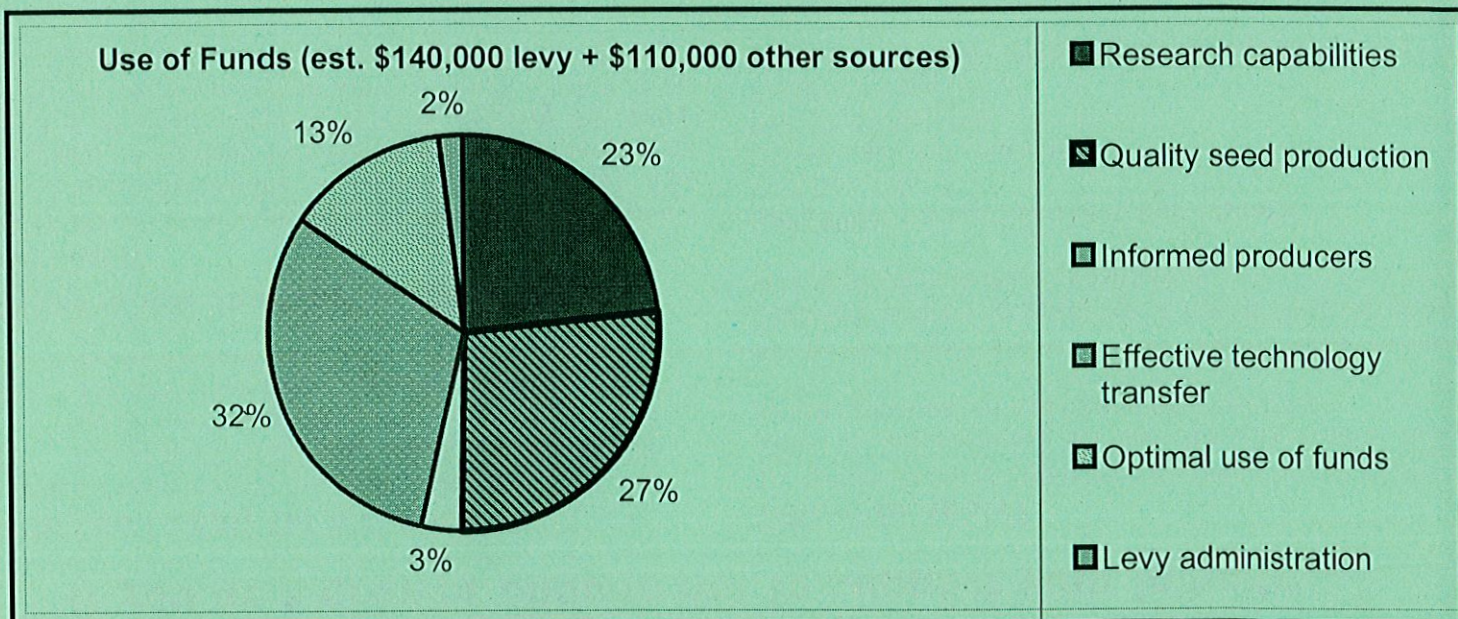
Weed control in established red/ alsike clovers

Wild oat control in bromegrasses

Herbicide minor use registration on grass seed crops

Control of stem eyespot in creeping red fescue

Crop rotation, establishment, rejuvenation



To inform growers of opportunities by: (3%)

Conducting feed quality and endophyte surveys

Conducting a survey for chalk brood in leaf cutter bees

To transfer technology to growers by: (32%)

Organizing production and marketing seminars

Organizing tours to various forage seed growing areas

Initiating a forage seed website

Compiling production manuals

Mailing the Forage Seed News magazine to growers. This is a high quality source of industry information compiled collaboratively by resource people from across Western Canada. The goal is to be able to mail the magazine to all levy paying growers.

To ensure optimal use of levy funds by: (13%)

Setting priorities and strategic planning by growers, seed companies and researchers

Coordinating project proposals, securing matching funds and reporting to funders and partners

Bookkeeping and auditing for accountability for expenses

Reimbursing basic director and meeting expenses

Communicating effectively among 3 groups: PRFSA + AB commission + BC council

To administer the levy: (2%, \$5000 fixed)

Administrating levy for both AB and BC in one office by experienced contractor