

If you as a grower are curious about how the forage seed levy funds collected are being spent: read the inside of this pamphlet.

If you as a grower choose not to or to partially support your industry:

How to apply for a refund?

Growers need to apply in writing, and include:

1. Amounts of forage seed levy that were 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 a refund?

Applications for refunds must be postmarked on or before January 31. The deadline for applying for turf and forage seed levy funds paid at all seed outlets in the **calendar year of 2008 is January 31, 2009**. Refunds will be processed in a month, so that growers should receive their refund cheques in mid 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:

Forage Seed Levy Administrator
P.O. Box 6135, Fort St. John, BC, V1J 4H6
Email: levy@peaceforageseed.ca
Fax: (250) 785 9388

Refund forms can be printed from Levy Page of website www.peaceforageseed.ca

<p>BC Forage Seed Advisory Dave Wuthrich, Chair BC FS Advisory Cecil Lake, BC Email: pwfarms@xplornet.com</p> <p>Vic Willms Montney, BC Email: VWillms@fsjmail.com</p> <p>Stan Mracek Farmington, BC Email: smracek@neonet.bc.ca</p>	<p>Peace Region Forage Seed Assoc Todd Smith, President PRFSA Stan Mracek, Vice President Dave Wuthrich, Treasurer Bernie Schoorlemmer, AB Grower Heather Kerschbaumer, AB Grower Terry Chaibos, AB Grower Vic Willms, BC Grower Kerry Clark, BCMAL Advisor Calvin Yoder, AAF Advisor Jennifer Otani, AAFC Advisor</p> <p>Sandra Burton, Coordinator PRFSA Email: coordinator@peaceforageseed.ca Phone: 1 (877) 630 2198</p>	<p>AB Peace Region Forage Seed Growers Commission Heather Kerschbaumer, Chair PRFSG Fairview, AB Email: goldenacresseeds@xplornet.com</p> <p>Bernie Schoorlemmer Rycroft, AB E: bschoorlemmer@friendlywireless.com</p> <p>Terry Chaibos Guy, AB Email: tmkchaib@serbernet.com</p>
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Your \$\$\$ at Work for the Turf & Forage Seed Industry

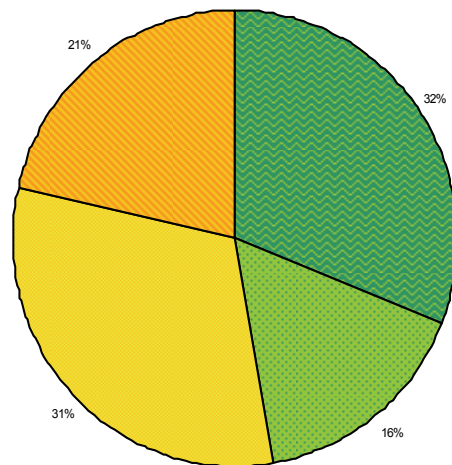


**Research & Extension
Activities of the
Peace Region Forage
Seed Association
in 2008**



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

Use of Funds
(\$173,000 levy + \$73,400 matching funds)



Your levy funds collected will be used to develop the industry by

1. Research: strengthening research capabilities in Peace River Region:

Grass Seed Yield Cultivar Trials

Coordinating Western Canada Grass Seed Testing Program (WGST)

Managing Peace Region sites at Beaverlodge, AB and Fort St. John, BC

Contacts: Burton/Otani/AAFC

Agronomy, Crop Rotation & Establishment Trials

Seeding Fescue with Winter Wheat

Contacts: CPCS/ Yoder Year 1 of 3.

Effects of Growth Regulators on Grass Crops

Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA/ CPCS Year 1 of 1.

Sources & Timing of Nitrogen on Timothy for Hay

Contacts: SARDA/ Yoder Year 3 of 4.

Pre-seeding Herbicides When Seeding Legumes & Grasses into Stubble

Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ SARDA/ AAFC Year 4 of 4.

Direct Seeding into Fescue Sprayed Out in Spring

Contacts: SARDA/ Yoder Year 1 of 2.

Insect & Disease Trials

Case Bearer Insect in Red Clover Fields

Contacts: Jennifer Otani / AAFC Year 3 of 5.

Weed Control Trials

Broadleaf Herbicides for Weed Control in Grasses

Contacts: Burton/ Yoder Year 1 of 1.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials

Herbicide Tolerance in Alsike and Red Clover Seed

Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA Year 4 of 4.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials of 4 Seedling & Established Grasses to Axial, Frontline & Infinity

Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AAFC Year 2 of 5.

Tolerance of Seedling Grasses to Broadleaf Herbicides Underseeded to Wheat

Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA Year 1 of 4.

Tolerance of Grasses and Legumes to Pre-seeding and Pre-emergent Herbicides

Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AAFC Year 4 of 4.

Herbicide Minor Use Registrations

Compiling data from several site years of herbicide tolerance trials & submitting to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) in Ottawa. Membership in Minor Use Consortium.

11 successful Minor Use Registrations in the last 5 years

2. Transferring technology to more growers:

Organizing annual production and marketing seminars in Peace Region of British Columbia and Alberta.

Organizing tours to various forage seed growing areas.

Updating forage seed website designed in 2005. For more information see <http://www.peaceforageseed.ca>

Compiling production publications & facts sheets:
 Herbicide update & red clover seed production guide.

Mailing Forage Seed News magazine to over 1000 turf and forage seed growers in the Peace Region.

3. Ensuring optimal use of funds:

Setting priorities and planning by growers, researchers, and seed companies/ agribusinesses, reimbursing basic director and meeting expenses.

Coordinating extension activities, compiling project proposals, securing matching funds, hiring contractors, organizing site management, reporting to funding partners, and communicating effectively among all agencies and processors involved in levy and PRFSA activities.

Bookkeeping, auditing and ensuring accountability of expenses.