

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 2011 is January 31, 2012**. 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, Rick Friesen

P.O. Box 39, Bezanson, AB, T0H 0G0

Email: levy@peaceforageseed.ca

Fax: (250) 539-1430 or Phone: (250) 539-1495

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

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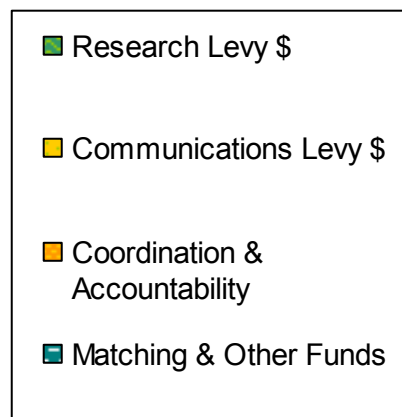
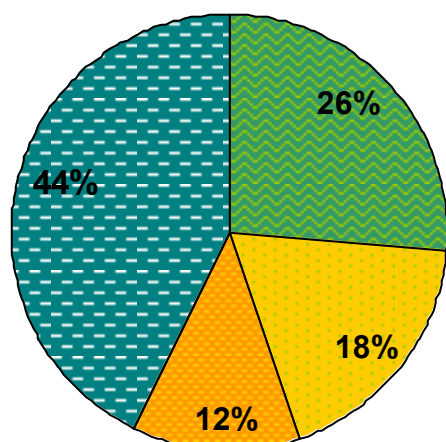
Your \$\$\$ at Work for the Turf & Forage Seed Industry



Research & Extension Activities of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association in 2011

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

Proposed Use of Funds in 2011
(\$237,500 levy + \$178,225 matching & other funds)



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

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

1. Agronomy, Rotation & Establishment Trials

Effect of Headline on Creeping Red Fescue Yields
 Contacts: Yoder Year 2 of 3.

Establishing Creeping Red Fescue With Winter Wheat as a Cover Crop. Contacts: Yoder/ AAFC Year 1 of 3.

Weed Control in Creeping Red Fescue
 Contacts: Yoder Year 2 of 3.

2. Grass Seed Yield Cultivar Trials

Coordinating Western Canada Grass Seed Testing Program (WGST) Contact: Burton Year 4 of 6.

Managing Peace Region Sites at Fort St. John, BC and Beaverlodge, AB
 Contacts: Burton/Lee/AAFC Year 4 of 6.

3. Insect & Disease Trials

Case Bearer Insect Pest Management in Red Clover
 Contacts: Otani / AAFC Year 2 of 3.

Pheromone Trials
 Contacts: Evenden/ Mori/ U of A Year 2 of 3.

4. Wildlife Damage to Forage Seed Crops

Assessing Impacts of Grazing on Forage Seed Crops
 Contacts: Aasen/ Robinson/ Burton Year 2 of 2.

5. Weed Control & Herbicide Tolerance Trials

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

Herbicide Tolerance Trials of Seedling & Established Grasses (brome grasses, timothy, creeping red fescue)
 Contacts: Yoder/ Lee/ AAFC Year 4 of 4.

Tolerance of Seedling Grasses to Pre-seeding and Pre-emergent Herbicides
 Contacts: Yoder/ Lee/ 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.
 Representing PRFSA at minor use priority setting meetings in Ottawa. Year 4 of 5.

15 successful Minor Use Registrations in the last 6 years
 + 2 more very close to MU Registration
 + 2 more with data & trial summaries sent to PMRA
 Contacts: Yoder/ Kerschbaumer
 Example: **Infinity** on established creeping red fescue crops.

B. Transferring technology to more growers:

Organizing seminars for growers, ag industry reps & crop advisors in Peace Region of BC & Alberta.

Organizing tour: **2011 Tour in Beaverlodge on June 29**

Compiling publications:
Spring Herbicide Update & The Seed Head Factsheets.

Distributing Forage Seed News magazine to over 1150 growers & members in the Peace Region.

Membership in Forage Seed Canada, BCAC, PPMU.

Updating forage seed website www.peaceforageseed.ca

C. 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.