Peace Region Forage Seed Association Celebrates 30 Years

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2015 - 2025: Another 10 years of accomplishments

The Peace Region Forage Seed Association is celebrating 30 years of activity! Efforts and accomplishments are due to the dedicated board of directors, advisors, research associates and contractors. Below are reflections of the activities and successes year by year since 2015. Activities for 1995 - 2015 are available in the two previous decade reports.

Our Vision:

To improve the quality, consistency and profitability of the turf and forage seed industry in the Peace River Region

2015

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Talon Johnson - General Manager
Chris Thomson - Office Administrator
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Extension and Events

The annual production and marketing seminar was held March 15th at the Fort St John Kids Arena Fieldhouse.

The annual summer tour was held at the AAFC Beaverlodge Research Farm in Beaverlodge, AB.

Arlan Benn, BC Pest Monitoring contractor checking diamond back moth traps May 2015



Research Highlights

Year 1 of 2 for Agriculture Weather Monitoring and Decision Support Tools Project.

2016

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No till drill at Loewen's in Prespatou

Research Highlights

Keith Uloth hired as contractor for Pest Monitoring Project.

Extension and Events

The annual production and marketing seminar was held in March in Rycroft.

The annual summer tour took place in growers' fields in Baldonnel, Buick and Prespatou, BC.

2017

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Research Highlights

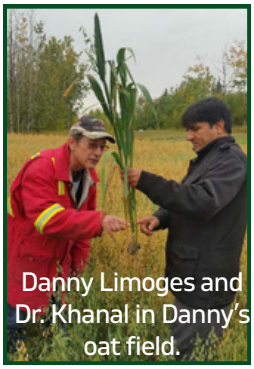
Year 1 of 3: BioControl Research Fund Common Tansy, Oxeye Daisy, Yellow Toadflax and Tall Buttercup.

PRFSA takes on administering the BC Peace AgriWeather Network

Extension and Events

Annual production and marketing seminar was held March 22nd at the Pomeroy Sports Centre in Fort St John.

The annual summer tour was held in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration on July 15th at the Beaverlodge Research Farm.



Danny Limoges and Dr. Khanal in Danny's oat field.

2018

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Rainy day tour in Cecil Lake - Goodlow area

Research Highlights

AgriScience funding approved through AAFC for an additional five years.

Extension and Events

Annual production and marketing seminar was held March 14th at the Rycroft Ag Centre in Rycroft, AB.

PRFSA hosted an Alfalfa Seed Production Workshop on March 15th in Rycroft, AB.

The annual summer tour took place in the Goodlow and Cecil Lake areas hosted by Walter Enns, Tobin Dirks and Franz Wenger.

2019

Board of Directors

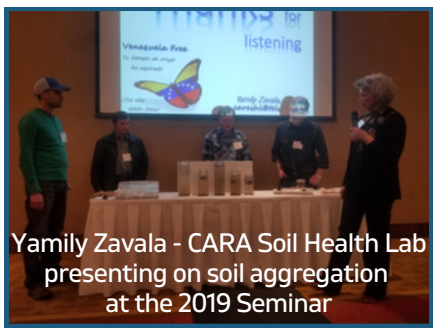
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Yamily Zavala - CARA Soil Health Lab presenting on soil aggregation at the 2019 Seminar

Research Highlights

Year 1 of 4
Monitoring Insect Pests and Arthropod Biodiversity
Otani/Uloth

Extension and Events

The website was revamped.

The annual production and marketing seminar took place March 20th at the Pomeroy Hotel in Fort St John.

The annual summer tour of forage research plots was held June 20th at AAFC Beaverlodge Research Farm.

2020

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Keith Uloth and Tory Snider (BC Pest Monitoring Project) at July 22 field day in Hythe/Valhalla

Research Highlights

Grassy and Broadleaf Weed Herbicide Screening Trial on Perennial Ryegrass.

Extension and Events

The Canadian Forage Seed Conference held February 25-26th at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton, with close to 100 attendees from BC, AB, SK and MB and the USA.

Weldon Hobbs, Heather McBey and Nigel Fairey were recognized for their contributions to the forage seed industry.

Field crop tours:
July 22nd - Hythe and Valhalla, AB.
July 29th - Girouxville, Donnelly, Corner and Whitemud, AB.

2021

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Summer field day in conjunction with Foster's Seed & Feed

Advisors

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Bharat Shreshta
Nadia Mori - BCMAL

Extension and Events

The Strategic Plan was redone.

July 6th - Summer field day in conjunction with Foster's Seed & Feed in the Valhalla and Wembley , AB area. Nearly 60 growers were in attendance.

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Research Highlights

Year 1 of 1: Forage Seed Disease Sequencing (Uloth/Brar)

2022

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Research Highlights

Peace Region Living Lab project initiated across the region, led by PRFSA.

Year 1 of 3: Annual Bluegrass Control in Creeping Red Fescue.

Extension and Events

March 9th. the annual production and marketing seminar was held virtually.



Summer field day in the Fahler/Whitemud area.

Summer field days were held:
July 14th in Cecil Lake area
July 20th in the County of Grande Prairie
July 21st in the Fahler/Whitemud area.

2023

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Research Highlights

AgriScience funding received from AAFC for 5 years.

Extension and Events

The annual production and marketing seminar was held at the Pomeroy Hotel in Fort St John on March 8th.

July 6th - Summer field day in Ridge Valley and Debolt area.



Dave Grafstrom sharing perennial ryegrass production knowledge from Minnesota at the summer tour

2024

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Research Highlights

Wrap up of Cutworms in Creeping Red Fescue and Other Pests.

Extension and Events

The annual production and marketing seminar was held in Rycroft, AB on March 7th.

July 9th - Summer field day at the Rycroft Ag Centre.



Rycroft field day

OUR MANDATE

- To collectively improve and support the forage seed industry in the Peace Region.
- To identify and prioritize issues, develop solutions and extend information.
- To cooperate and have mutual respect among members and within the industry.

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