

PRFSA Strategic Planning Process in 2015-16 & Progress To Date (as of Mar 2016)

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Session 2 Grower Phone calls/interviews Feb 16 – Mar 3, 2016: Danny Limoges, George Friesen, Peter Lungard, Brad Reinders, Les Pellerin, Danny Friesen, Dave Pellerin, Ed Hadland, Michael Gerwatoski, Flint Turner, Gary Sanocki, Dale Schwerdt, Richard Dlugosz, Gerry Vandelight, David Augustine, Troy Hanson, Kevin Thiessen, Herman Klassen, Hill Farms, Simon Loewen

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

Our Accomplishments Over the Last 15 Years:

1. Played an integral part of staffing a new forage seed researcher at AAFC Beaverlodge
2. Instrumental in the development of Forage Seed Canada; a national voice for the industry
3. Collaborated on biomass feasibility project using fescue straw as bioheat/power (not economically feasible at the time)
4. Completed a Wildlife Damage Study in fescue – an extensive study on the standing crop with some work in swaths
5. Partnered with the U of A on Phase 1 of the Red Clover Case Bearer projects – successfully identified the pheromone to attract & trap moths
6. Part of a Climate Action working group to ensure \$\$ spent in the BC Peace → Completed: Gaps in Weather Monitoring & Irrigation Feasibility, Implemented: Pest Monitoring Pilot & Weather Monitoring + Decision Support Tools
7. Successfully differentiated between turf and forage seed markets
8. Established the forage seed levy in both BC and AB
9. Turned competition into friendly cooperation with seed trade talking to each other, as well as with government and farmers; have recognized we are all in this together
10. Maintained/created unified Peace Region for both BC and AB growers, processors and researchers
11. Were heard by AAFC Research Branch & were an effective advocacy voice
12. Partnered successfully with other groups like SARDA, Central Peace Conservation Society, [Peace River Forage Association of BC](#),
13. Have been successful in securing outside matching funding in the GF1 and GF2 federal funding clusters
14. Have taken on coordinating the Western Canadian Grass Seed Testing Program (now transitioned into the Peace Region Grass Seed Trials)
15. Submitted applications for Minor Use Registrations (20+ new registrations since 2002)
16. Responded to new problems as they arose
17. Have successfully got research information out into fields
18. Distributed herbicide update by Calvin Yoder each spring to over 1000 growers
19. Distributed Forage Seed News and production information to growers
20. Gained better consistency and quality with less weeds
21. Brought government people, buyers, agribusiness, farmers and researchers into one room
22. Learned from each other, from discussions at tours, at seminars and from spin offs afterwards
23. Worked well in cooperation with other provinces & have been more effectively organized
24. Have a reputation from outside our area as a “good group of guys”
25. Have been a role model for other associations

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26. Accomplished many of goals from last strategic plan

These priorities are not in numerical order, however the highest priorities are bolded

Market/ Processing Concerns & Priorities for Next 5 Years:

Priority	Ratings	Champion	Next Steps	Progress to Date
1. Diversify the species grown in the Peace	High Priority High Urgency Med Achievability	Talon Gauthier Dr. Khanal Rahman Azooz Pat Ganselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look into new cropping options in forage seed - Species identified: Brassicas/turnips, crimson clover, hairy vetch, birdsfoot trefoil, sainfoin, cicer milkvetch, hemp, fenugreek, ect - Little research done in Fort Vermillion area → contribute \$\$ to MARA to seed what FS crops can be grown in that area 	<p>Concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where are markets for turf grasses going as people opt to put in fake lawns
2. Keep the Peace GE alfalfa free	High Priority High Urgency Med Achievability	Heather Kerschbaumer Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a unified AB & BC Peace by having municipalities/regional districts update their bylaws to exclude GE alfalfa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRFSA allocated funds for contractor to compile, coordinate and secure future funds for exclusion of GE alfalfa from the Peace Region
3. Future of forage seed production	High Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability	Rob Lyons Heather Kerschbaumer Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stay informed, follow trends - not much we can do as an association - Ability for PRFSA staff to have weekly/monthly market updates on website/emails? → contact AgriStability (they update info monthly) - Exchange rate articles (get from HK), cost of production worksheets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Market updates given at the AGM - Hired Dave Wong to keep compiling market articles in 2015 & 2016 – published in the FSN & on website
4. Native seeds for oil & gas or forestry industries	Medium Priority High Urgency High Achievability	Heather Kerschbaumer Dave Wuthrich Rob Lyons Bill Wilson Julie Robinson Shaun Grant(?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - operating outside of CSGA, - no grade tables/ certificates (CSAAC) - grower awareness re: importance of clean seed - currently have a brochure that was used at Oil & Gas Trade Show, but needs updating - update & compile higher quality brochure(s) for end users (DW, HK) - Push CFIA to get 3rd party training on inspecting forage seed crops - Promote use of clean, local seed for reclamation - Align native with agronomic production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BC Forestry & Range staff completed handbook of recommendations - PRFSA represented at working meetings and reviewers of compiled manual - Provided funding to PRFA of BC project “Revegetation of Pipelines, Leases and Roadsides” 2012 – 2015 - Allocating funds to “Reveg 2” with PRFA of BC - 2014 AGM: Update on new inspection process for certified
5. Keep the Peace chalkbrood free	High Priority High Urgency Med Achievability	Danny Friesen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was a law that was enforced up until 25 years ago then got refreshed and put under pest control act. Needs to be a law again → put in municipality bylaws - Release protocols for Beaverlodge Bee Diagnostic 	-
6. Continue developing local & national relationships	High Priority Med Urgency High Achievability	Talon Gauthier Calvin Yoder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National: Canadian Forage & Grassland Association - Provincial: MFSA & Sask FS Development - Regional: SARDA, PRFA of BC, PCBFA, NPARA, MARA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talon & Tobin attended CFGA AGM Nov 2015
7. Peace Branding	Low Priority Low Urgency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Branding the Peace Association anymore - No action at this time 	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - seed co. have their own labelling

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	Low Achievability			- no impact on US markets
8. Difference in price, mark up & perceptions	Low Priority Low Urgency High Achievability	Shelley Kirk (?) Heather Kerschbaumer	- Compile article on the difference between wholesale & retail, include an explanation of margins	
9. Alternative uses for forage seed screenings	Low Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability		- look at value added viewpoint re: screening pellets - Check with all processors on how they handle their screenings	
10. Other market concerns	Low Priority Low Urgency Med Achievability		- Concerns about public \$\$ to be used to develop new varieties then be sold to private companies → Will we receive \$\$ back for royalties? - When growers sell certified seed they are obligated to sell all back to the seed company they are contracted through. Years ago producers were supposed to get a certain % of foundation seed and no contract was needed. Use to be a law and enforced, is it still?	- Article compiled by Heather McBey in 2015 on the Canadian Forage Seed Project → Post on website

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Communication and Extension Priorities for Next 5 Years:

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1. Events	<i>Priority Urgency Achievability</i>	Calvin Yoder Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invite ag field people specifically to attend events - organize a winter update for MDs & agribusiness - get our events recognized as PD/ Certified Education Units for crop advisors → look into again - explore new formats like winter field days - learn from groups effective at advertising events - Update our booth (Goal: next AGM) - Host national FS conference again? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organized a successful, well attended winter update with credits for Crop Advisors & agribusiness in Feb 2009 - advertised our AGM with a travel voucher - Move our tours & seminars to different areas & this attracts new faces to our events (Tour 2016 – Prespatou?) - Calvin organized Agronomy update 2014
2. Website/ social media	<i>Priority Urgency Achievability</i>	Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve website → time for an update? Add counter - explore emailing, texting, blogging, FB & Twitter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calvin, Sandra & Jeremy redesign 2011 -
3. Newsletter/ mailouts	<i>Priority Urgency Achievability</i>	Calvin Yoder Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - explore better ways to get research info out - Continue to contribute to FSN as growers find value - Electronic access to FSN articles (discuss with Heather McBey) - Individual mailouts for AGM & Tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SeedHead factsheets created to display research info & data (8 compiled to date) - March 2016 AGM mailout done
4. Attract people to Peace	High Priority Low Urgency High Achievability	Calvin Yoder Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain and build on existing opportunities at Beaverlodge - Be part of building Dr. Khanal work plan moving fwd - explore incentives for students - Encourage younger participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Khanal assigned to FS - Dr. Azooz & Pat Ganselves still in FS - Contracts with retired researchers - PD days for students, Coop programs - Calvin U of A Forages class Feb 2016
5. Update growers each spring	High Priority Medium Urgency High Achievability	Calvin Yoder Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue the annual herbicide updates & circulate to all growers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates sent every spring and identified as very valuable to growers
6. Send rep to MU meetings in Ottawa	Med Priority Med Urgency Med Achievability	Danny Limoges Calvin Yoder Tobin Dirks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - send a rep to priority setting meetings in Ottawa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heather participated in 2009 - Heather & Calvin participated in 2010 - Calvin and Tobin participated in 2012 - Calvin attending in 2016
7. Send growers to Oregon/ other seed meetings	<i>Priority Urgency Achievability</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage & source funding for growers to participate in Oregon meetings in Dec - Notice in next FSN to see if growers are interested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding secured in 2010 & group sent - Identified in grower calls as a to do again - Tobin & Talon to CFGA conf. Nov 2015
8. Use our unified voice to link with other groups & revitalize research	High Priority High Urgency Med Achievability	Calvin Yoder Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - show leadership & push for unified research plan - AB Peace Producers Association → ask Calvin?? - Coordinate research, info & events between SARDA, PRFSA, NPARA, BCGPA, MARA, PRFA, CFGA etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calvin & Sandra partnering with NPARA, SARDA, AAFC for trials & events - links with U of A
9. Compile stats by crop for setting priorities	Medium Priority Medium Urgency Med Achievability	Dave Wong Calvin Yoder Rick Friesen Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - visit each seed processor showing them stats available from MFSA from same companies - get companies all reporting in unified format - revisit legislation & regs to see what is possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compiled in 2008, 2009 & 2010 - Compiled for 2013 - 2014 in progress

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10. Investigate SR&ED tax credits	Medium Priority Medium Urgency Med Achievability	Rick Friesen Talon Gauthier	- contact CRA to see if levy dollars going into research can receive a SR&ED tax credit - get update from Rick Friesen/ Secan (Trent Whiting)	- started dialog/ process with both Alberta & BC CRA offices; Rick has contact in SK specializing in working with commissions
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Production Issues & Priorities for Next 5 Years:

Priority	Ratings	Champion	Next Steps	Progress to Date
1. Applied researcher	High Priority High Urgency High Achievability		- Having someone dedicated to doing research at the adoption level (in growers fields)	- Contacted BCGPA to co-interview for a researcher
2. Soil fertility info	High Priority Medium Urgency High Achievability	Calvin Yoder Talon Gauthier	- Set up trials or demos - Summarize past work - 2011: need for P ₂ O ₅ or S work? But differences difficult to measure, pH, yield & seed weight - Addition of calcium carbonate/ lime	- Contacted N. Fairey to compile past work → done or still needed? - Set up trial/demo in Manning area - Set up 2 new trials in Beaverlodge area - Compiled a factsheet for fescue (SH #1?)
3. Fertilizer issues	Med Priority Med Urgency Med Achievability	Calvin Yoder Ryan Pineo Gordon Hill	- Deal with increased demand/ cost of N-P-K-S - support FNA & Own Use Import program to get 34-0-0 across the US border or Russia - contact Heather McBey to see what trials have already been done - Application of micros (Cu, Bo, Mg, ect) - Mineral balancing - Are we putting on enough N & at the right time? - P & K → benefits? Costs? - Soil amendments other than fertilizer that promote microbes not kill (compost, residual, ect)	- FNA is building 7 farmer owned supercenters across prairies (1 in the Peace) → article in next FSN? - can order 34-0-0 2 to 3 months in advance (currently cost prohibitive with the dollar exchange) - Dirks custom anhydrous ammonium application??
4. Liquid fertilizer issues	Low Priority Low Urgency Med Achievability	Herman Klassen	- Many in Prespatou area experimenting with liquid N & P application in spring & fall → spray with herbicides? Cost efficient? -	- more questions to Calvin re: use of liquid fertilizer - Follow work being done in Prespatou
5. Legumes in rotation for fertilizer & pest management	Low Priority Low Urgency High Achievability	Rahman Azooz Calvin Yoder	- summarize past research - communicate & get info out to growers - \$ value of having forages in rotations - Scan old docs and add to website	- Article in FSN - Chapters AB Forage Manual - CFGA compiling value of forages for each province - Act 2 in current AIP project
6. Underseeding winter wheat/ fall rye to fescue, clover & other forage crops	Priority Urgency Achievability	Gary Ropchan Calvin Yoder Bernie Schoorlemmer	- work with applied research group to eliminate clip year - research weed control issues if this system developed	- Gary Ropchan gave an update of his research at seminar in 2009 - re-emphasized at Nov 2009, looking to renew partnership - included in DIAP project workplan - Trial initiated at Beaverlodge in Fall 2011
7. Establishment/ Rejuvenation Methods	Med Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability	Talon Gauthier Calvin Yoder Heather McBey Hill Farms	- Continue to have part of tours & field days so growers learn from each other - Vertical tillage → not a lot of information and trials would be beneficial (chisel plow/ vertical tillage) Heather McBey may have info - Demos of equipment (i.e. McFarlane heavy harrows, Colter/Bourgault air drill) at tours/ field days	Concern: many things tried with varied results → what works for one doesn't work for others

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No till vs ploughing - Black seeding at varying rates with focus on taking 1 production crop with many of the grass species (esp fescue cause easier to take out of rotation before getting "root bound") 	
8. Forage Seed Production Handbook	Low-Med Priority Low Urgency Med Achievability	Calvin Yoder Heather McBey Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find the books that have been compiled & make accessible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AB Alfalfa Commission has an alfalfa production book - Book created for CRF in the Peace? - MFSA → Per. Ryegrass & Timothy?
9. Precision farming practices	Low Priority Low Urgency Med Achievability		<p>Demos of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Variable rate technology - RTK (real time kinematics) - In row fertilizer applications 	-
10. Long term storage forage seed	Low Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - storing dry vs. tough - quality/ germination - bagging demo (AG, BC, MR) 	- Not an issue anymore → can it be removed from the strategic plan?
11. Cost of Production	Low Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forage seed is a niche market → need to ensure all innovations are getting good returns - Economic comparison of CrossSlot openers vs indirect hoe openers (Paralink) 	Concern: The cost of production for the same species can vary depending on what other crops can be grown in the area
12. Historical Weather Info	Low Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support weather project on BC side - Growers can access data on AAFC website 	- Supporting project on the BC side "Weather Monitoring & Decision Making Tools"

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Research Highest Priorities for Next 5 Years:

Priority	Ratings	Champion	Next Steps	Progress to Date
1. Case bearer in red clover	High Priority High Urgency High Achievability	Jennifer Otani Maya Evenden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to collect info from 1st yr crops - investigate biocontrol methods - Contact Jennifer to see what next steps are - Continue to look for solutions as this pest has severely affected this commodity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - partnered with UofA on pheromone trials - Update from Boyd Mori at 2014 AGM - Monitoring occurring in AB & BC pest projects - ACIDF funding denied to look at mech. of resistance in alsike clover
2. Respond to insect problems as they arise	High Priority High Urgency High Achievability	Jennifer Otani Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - as specific need arises, JO will approach PRFSA for support - Grasshoppers a big issue in drought conditions → grasshopper resistant varieties? - Clover weevil in alsike clover in Girouxville - Sheeps fescue aphids - European clipper outbreak in Valleyview (detrimental to timothy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cutworm research in 2010 & 2011 - PPMN updates/blog available on website - PRFSA partnered with Climate Action pest monitoring in BC Peace 2014-2015 - PRFSA submitting application to extend BC pest monitoring (Feb 2016)
3. Zero till research for both going in/ out of forage seed & annual crops	High Priority High Urgency Med Achievability	Calvin Yoder Terry Chaibos Dave Wuthrich CPCS SARDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review what we have learned & compile zero till/ rejuv - continue work on fall & spring spraying fescue control - spring spraying for direct seeding canola into fescue - set up mower/ herbicide applicator trials in Falher area with SARDA - organize workshop or field day - regrouping for next priorities, projects & partnerships for rejuvenation of fescue without tillage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discussions of this topic at our events - pre seeding burnoffs now included in all herbicide tolerance trials - data compiled & Prepass soon to get MU registration - Ongoing part of our research, always investigating better methods - Waiting on info from Calvin
4. Herbicide trials & minor use work	High Priority High Urgency High Achievability	Calvin Yoder MFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have good cooperation & good data - need person dedicated to compile MU submissions - continue to send tolerance data - Why are companies not paying for MU registrations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joined Prairie Pesticide Minor Use Consortium (2008 – 2016) - Successfully got 20+ MU since 2008
5. Grass seed variety trials, new varieties and approaches to trials	High Priority High Urgency High Achievability	Talon Gauthier Rahman Azooz Pat Ganselves Jennifer Otani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase the number of sites in the Peace - continue to dialog with Ag Canada re pivotal role of Beaverlodge station - urge more companies to participate - alfalfa, crimson clover, arrow clover, warm season grasses & winter hardiness - drought resistant/hardy varieties/species - review list of companies & breeders 	<p>Concerns: Beaverlodge only site remaining</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - companies decreasing - more & more subsidization by PRFSA - 20 entry limit at Beaverlodge <p>Progress: collaborated with AAFC staff to obtain AgriInnovation funds for 5 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on testing new species as available
6. Opportunities with new species	Priority Urgency Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to look at new species & opportunities - Polyculture cropping for seed production 	
7. Working with growth regulators	High Priority Med Urgency High Achievability	Calvin Yoder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - commonly used in Europe & US but expensive - used in Southern AB with irrigation - keep trials as many drought years recently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for clovers (red & alsike), timothy, fescue & brome in 5 year AgriInnovation project plus one year extra on red clover with SARDA

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8. Current weed control issues	High Priority Medium Urgency Med Achievability	Calvin Yoder Kerry Clark	<p>Next steps: re: foxtail barley in fescue and brome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - urge agencies to identify foxtail barley as invasive - review any research for biological control options - promote awareness/education on how to control - Assure II not working on foxtail in fescue as well - Few/ no options for many species <p>Next steps: re: responding to other weed problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - keep current with issues e.g. weed control for alfalfa & clover crops or weed issues from climate change - recommend initiatives to address issues as they arise - No options for wheat underseeded to timothy - Thistles in fescue an issue - Curled dock in fescue & timothy (Prespatou) - Golden buttercup?? in fescue & timothy (Prespatou) - Russian pigweed in alfalfa (Fort Vermillion) - Wild oats ongoing issue - Nightflowering catchfly/ toadflax - Another option in cereals underseeded to clover than MCPA + amine?? - red top in timothy - annual bluegrass 	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no effective herbicides found for control of foxtail barley - no access to herbicides for annual bluegrass <p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on national priority list “with no solution to date” - initiating a trial to control annual bluegrass with Arthur Hadland but still searching for a good product
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Research Second Tier Priorities for Next 5 Years:

Priority	Ratings	Champion	Next Steps	Progress to Date
9. Carbon credits with forage crops	Low Priority Low Urgency Med Achievability	Bernie Legault Bernie Schoorlemmer Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - find out sequestration rates for forage seed crops & our soil types - obtain info/ research results & share this info - Follow up with previous leads, AB Agriculture, AgriTrend & Carbon Credit Solutions as data was needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - evaluated HOLOS program with a few forage seed growers - Bernie Legault attending carbon meetings hosted by Viterra - Still no formulas for calculating carbon credits from forage - No credits for current good management, only new changes to management
10. Fungicide trials & disease control	<i>Priority Urgency Achievability</i>	Calvin Yoder Reuben Loewen/ Fosters/ BY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - investigate future project with stem eyespot control - Headline trials occurring - Discussion with JO re: leaf hoppers → only one of the vectors, plant stress a big contributor, no biologist to work on this in Canada currently, important issue but cannot work on right now 	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - challenging to set these trial up - needs to be an in depth project - need to monitor for 5 yr or more - Small plot combining constraint in past - Trials set up by Calvin Yoder, Rahman Azooz & Allan Gifford
11. Legume seed production trials	Low Priority Med Urgency Med Achievability	Heather & John Kerschbaumer Jennifer Otani	<p>setup comparison of swathing vs straight cut</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognized as a longer term priority - Was there any progress (ask Calvin) 	<p>Concerns: currently program restriction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - low achievability now, but achievable in future

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12. Long term crop/forage rotations	Low Priority Med Urgency Med Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - need long term research for rotations & market cycles - continue research on rotation options/ alternatives - longer term forage seed rotations (less annuals) 	-
13. PRFSA long term researcher	High Priority High Urgency High Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby for Beaverlodge staff to do more off station field research 	- Identified a researcher for work outside of Beaverlodge is needed
14. Develop a better creeping red fescue than Boreal	Low Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability	Talon Gauthier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support public variety development to find more productive seed producers than regional check varieties 	Progress to date: - Not achievable with Oracle → sent to Europe and seed was tested to not be 100% pure (contaminated with Boreal) therefore it was not accepted into trials
15. More research suggestions from growers/ members	Low Priority Low Urgency Low Achievability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different openers, disc vs hoe → lots of work done - Organic seed production - Focus on killing (fertilizer & pesticides) other options? → lots being done by organic associations perhaps suggest levy dollars better directed there? - Seed treatments & primers as opportunities arise 	-