

If you as a grower are curious about how the forage seed levy funds collected in 2006 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 2006 is January 31, 2007**. 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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Your \$\$\$ at Work for the Turf & Forage Seed Industry



**Research & Extension
Activities of the
Peace Region Forage
Seed Association
in 2006**

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

The levy funds collected in 2006 will be used to develop the industry by

1. Strengthening research capabilities in Peace River Region:

Western Canadian Grass Seed Testing Program

Grass seed yield cultivar trials

Beaverlodge and Baldonnel are part of a 9 site network across Western Canada. Seed companies enter cultivars into the trials for a fee. The data is available at: [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/for10471](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/for10471)

2. Ensuring higher quality, consistency & profitability of turf and forage seed production:

Agronomy, Crop Rotation & Establishment Trials

Sources of Nitrogen on 3 Grasses

Contacts: Fairey/ Yoder/ AAFC Year 1 of 1.

Comparison of 46-0-0 to 46-0-0+Agrotain in Fescue

Contacts: Yoder/ CPCS Year 1 of 1.

Value of Pre-seeding Burnoffs When Seeding Legumes into Stubble

Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA Year 1 of 2.

Removing Creeping Red Fescue for Direct Seeding

Contacts: CPCS/ Yoder/ Brett Young Year 2 of 2.

Tolerance of Seedling Creeping Red Fescue Underseeded to Canola to Glyphosate

Contacts: CPCS/ Yoder/ AAFC Year 3 of 3.

Disease Control / Resistance Trials

Evaluating Seed Yields of Oracle vs Boreal Creeping Red Fescue

Collecting and compiling seed yield data from 6 sites.

Contacts: Three Links/ SARDA/ Yoder/ AAFC Year 3 of 4.

Weed Control Trials

Fall Applied Ally on Timothy, Meadow Bromegrass, Smooth Bromegrass and Hybrid Bromegrass for Tolerance and Weed Control

Contacts: Yoder/ Cole/ AAFC Year 3 of 3.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials

Herbicide Tolerance in Alsike and Red Clover Seed

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

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

Herbicide Tolerance Trials of 3 Established Grasses to Axial

Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AAFC/ Syngenta Year 1.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials of Seedling Grasses & Legumes to Axial and Solo

Contacts: Cole/ Yoder/ AAFC/ Syngenta Year 1 of 1.

Herbicide Minor Use Registration Trials

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

Examples of Recent Minor Use Registrations Received:

Prestige on seedling / established creeping red fescue, intermediate wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, meadow bromegrass, smooth bromegrass & timothy seed.

Attain on seedling / established creeping red fescue, intermediate wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, meadow bromegrass, smooth bromegrass and timothy seed.

Achieve Liquid on seedling / established creeping red fescue, intermediate wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, meadow bromegrass, smooth bromegrass; seedling northern wheatgrass, western wheatgrass and slender wheatgrass seed.

Example of Current Minor Use Proposals Submitted:

Addition of seeding and established grasses grown for seed to the Spectrum label.

3. Enabling growers to make informed responses:

Survey for Case Bearer Insect in Red Clover Fields

Contacts: Jennifer Otani / AAFC. Year 1 of 2.

Demonstration of Adaptability of 6 Annual Legumes for Seed Production in the Peace Region

Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA/ Three Links Year 1 of 1.

4. Transferring technology to more growers:

Organizing Canadian Forage Seed Conference in Grande Prairie in March 2006

Growers heard updates from international and regional speakers on markets, research and production tips over 2 days.

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 that was designed in 2005. For more information see <http://www.peaceforageseed.ca>

Compiling production publications & facts sheets:

Red clover seed production guide currently being compiled in 2006; to be published in 2007.

Mailing the Forage Seed News magazine to over 1100 turf and forage seed growers in the Peace Region:

This quality source of industry information is collaboratively compiled by resource people across Canada.

