

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 2009 is January 31, 2010**. 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.peaceforeageseed.ca

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

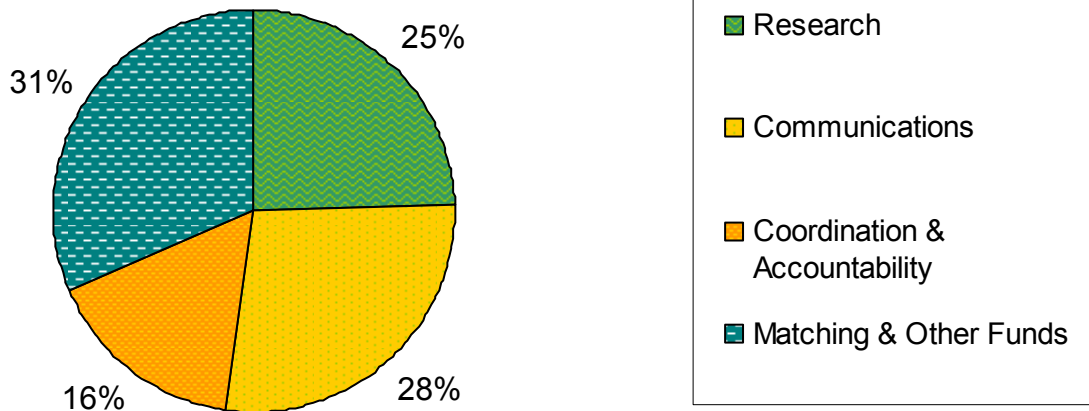


Research & Extension Activities of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association in 2009



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 2009
(\$214,000 levy + \$98,000 matching & other 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) Contact: Burton Year 3 of 6.

Managing Peace Region sites at Fort St. John, BC and Beaverlodge, AB
 Contacts: Burton/Lee/AAFC Year 3 of 6.

Agronomy, Crop Rotation & Establishment Trials

Establishing Clovers with Clearfield Wheat
 Contacts: Yoder/SARDA Year 1 of 4.

Effect of Headline on Creeping Red Fescue Yields
 Contacts: Yoder Year 1 of 3.

Rates of Nitrogen on Annual Crops Seeded into Alsike Clover
 Contacts: CPCS Year 4 of 4.

Insect & Disease Trials

Case Bearer Insect in Red Clover Fields
 Insecticide Trial & Monitoring
 Contacts: Otani / Nemezc/ AAFC Year 2 of 2.

Pheromones Contacts: Evenden/ U of A Year 1 of 3.

Wildlife Damage to Forage Seed Crops

Assessing impacts of grazing on forage seed crops
 Contacts: Aasen/ Robinson Year 1 of 2.

Weed Control Trials

Broadleaf Herbicides for Weed Control in Grasses
 Contacts: Yoder / SARDA Year 1 of 1.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials

Herbicide Tolerance in Alsike and Red Clover Seed
 Contacts: Yoder/ SARDA Year 1 of 3.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials of 4 Established Grasses to Infinity & Velocity
 Contacts: Yoder/ Lee/ AAFC Year 2 of 4.

Tolerance of Seedling Grasses to Axial, Frontline, Infinity & Equinox
 Contacts: Yoder/ Lee/ AAFC Year 2 of 2.

Tolerance of Seedling Grasses to Pre-seeding and Pre-emergent Herbicides
 Contacts: Yoder/ Lee/ AAFC Year 2 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 seminars for growers, ag industry reps & CCAs in Peace Region of British Columbia and Alberta.

Organizing tours. **2009 Tour on Thur June 25 in Falher**

Compiling publications, such as Spring Herbicide Update.

Distributing Forage Seed News magazine to over 1500 turf and forage seed growers in the Peace Region.

Membership in Forage Seed Canada & BCAC.

Updating forage seed website www.peaceforageseed.ca

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.