

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 2013 is January 31, 2014**. 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: (780) 539-1430 or Phone: (780) 539-1495

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

<p>BC Forage Seed Advisory Grain Industry Dev. Council Reuben Loewen, Chair Prespatou, BC Email: rlowen@gpnet.ca</p> <p>Blair Hill, BC Grower Taylor, BC Email: blair_g_hill@hotmail.com</p> <p>Tobin Dirks, BC Grower Cecil Lake, BC Email: tobin.dirks@gmail.com</p>
<p>BC Peace River Grain Industry Development Council Barry Follensbee, Chair, Rolla, BC Email: prad1@bcpeace.com Website: bcpeace.com</p>

<p>Peace Region Forage Seed Assoc Reuben Loewen, President PRFSA Tobin Dirks, Vice President Heather Kerschbaumer, Treasurer/FSC Mark Mittelstadt, AB Grower Blair Hill, BC Grower Danny Friesen, AB Grower/ FSC Todd Smith, Seed Trade Rep</p> <p>Advisors: Jennifer Otani/ Rahman Azooz, AAFC Calvin Yoder/ Dave Wong, AARD Julie Robinson, BCMA</p> <p>Contractors: Sandra Burton/ Chris Thomson, PRFSA Email: coordinator@peaceforageseed.ca</p>
<p>Forage Seed Levy Office Rick Friesen, Levy Administrator Fax (780) 539 1430 Email: levy@peaceforageseed.ca</p>

<p>AB Peace Region Forage Seed Growers Commission Mark Mittlestadt, Chair Fairview, AB Email: mttm@wispnet.ca</p> <p>Heather Kerschbaumer, AB Grower Fairview, AB Email: treasurer@peaceforageseed.ca</p> <p>Danny Friesen, AB Grower Fort Vermillion, AB Email: dannyf@live.ca</p>
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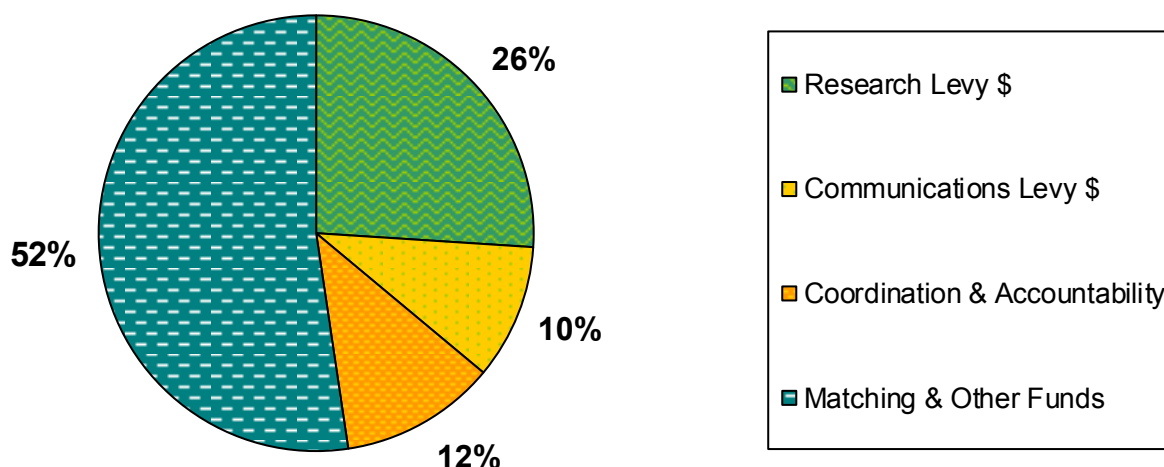
Your \$\$\$ at Work for the Turf & Forage Seed Industry



Research & Extension Activities of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association in 2013

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 2013
(\$223,330 levy + \$245,450 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

Comparing Forage, Pea, Canola & Wheat Based Rotations. Contacts: Yoder/ Azooz Year 1 of 5.

Comparing Rates & Timing of Nitrogen Fertilizers
 Contacts: Yoder / Pettyjohn/ Burton Year 1 of 5.

Effects of Foliar Applied Plant Growth Regulators on Grass & Clover Seed Crops
 Contacts: Yoder / Pettyjohn/ Johnson Year 1 of 5.

Re-vegetating Disturbed Areas by Oil & Gas Activities
 Contacts: Wilson/ Robinson Year 2 of 3.

2. Grass Seed Yield Cultivar Trials

Coordinating Peace Region Grass Seed Testing & Managing Beaverlodge Research Site
 Contacts: Azooz/ AAFC/ Burton Year 1 of 5.

Managing Research Trial Site at Fort St. John, BC
 Contacts: Burton/ Azooz/ AAFC Year 6 of 6.

3. Insect & Disease Trials

Monitoring Insect Pest & Anthropod Biodiversity
 Contacts: Otani / AAFC Year 1 of 5.

Pheromone Trials
 Contacts: Evenden/ Mori/ U of A Year 4 of 4.

4. Weed Control & Herbicide Tolerance Trials

Herbicide Tolerance of Seedling & Established Grass Seed Crops
 Contacts: Yoder/ Azooz/ Johnson Year 1 of 5.

Herbicide Tolerance of Seedling & Established Red/ Alsike Clover Seed Crops
 Contacts: Yoder/ Azooz/ Pettyjohn Year 1 of 5.

5. 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.

Contacts: Yoder/ Dirks/ Kerschbaumer Year 1 of 5.

Your forage seed levy dollars have made possible: 17 Successful Herbicide Minor Use Registrations in the last 6 years that was a direct result of this collaborative work with Pest Management Regulatory Agency.
 Contacts: Yoder/ Dirks/ Kerschbaumer
 Example: **Basagran** on established red clover for seed.

B. Transferring technology to more growers:

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

Organizing tour: **July 4, 2013 Tour in Beaverlodge, AB**

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

Distributing Forage Seed News magazine to over 1000 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.