

**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 2017 is January 31, 2018**. 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](mailto: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](http://www.peaceforageseed.ca)**

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**Forage Seed Levy Office**

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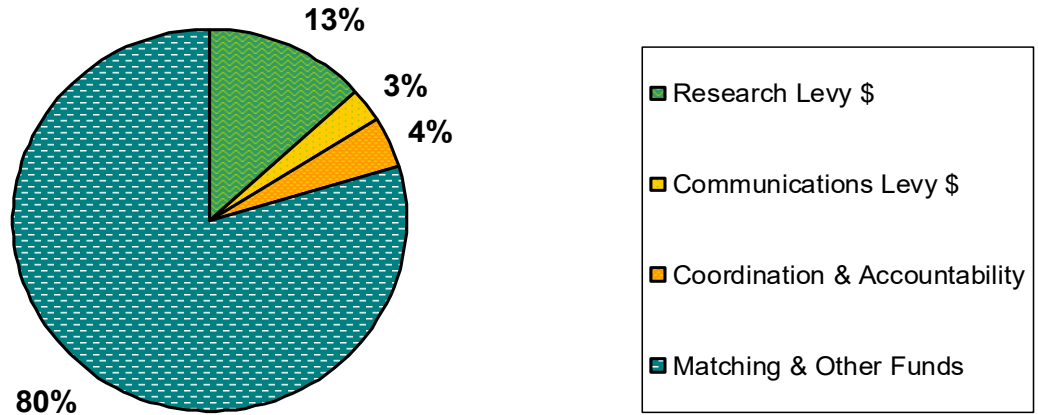
**Your \$\$\$ at Work for the Turf, Forage & Legume Seed Industry**



**Research & Extension Activities of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association in 2017**

*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 2017**  
**(\$184,350 levy + \$715,300 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: Khanal/ Yoder/ AIP Year 5 of 5.

Comparing Rates & Timing of Nitrogen Fertilizers Contacts: Yoder/ Khanal/ AIP Year 5 of 5.

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

**2. Grass Seed Yield Cultivar Trials**

Coordinating Peace Region Grass Seed Testing & Managing Beaverlodge Research Site Contacts: Khanal/ AIP Year 5 of 5.

**3. Insect & Disease Trials**

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

Pest Monitoring Project Contacts: Uloth/ Robinson Year 2 of 3.

BioControl Research Fund Contacts: McClay/Gibbs Year 1 of 3.

**4. Weed Control & Herbicide Tolerance Trials**

Herbicide Tolerance Trials on Seedling & Established Grasses Contacts: Yoder/ Khanal/ AIP Year 5 of 5.

Herbicide Tolerance Trials on Seedling & Established Legumes Contacts: Yoder/ Khanal/ AIP Year 5 of 5.

Weed Control Trials: Grass & Legume Seed Crops Contacts: Yoder/ Khanal/ AIP Year 5 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. Contacts: Yoder/ Limoges Year 5 of 5.

**6. Responding to Industry Issues**

Improving Productivity and Profitability of Forage Land Contacts: Burton/ PRFA Year 1 of 3.

Forage Stands: Starting Over, Dos & Don'ts Contacts: Wilson/ Robinson/ PRFA Year 1 of 3.

Enhancing Peace Weather Monitoring & Data Use Contacts: Uloth/ WIN Year 1 of 3.

**B. Transferring technology to more growers:**

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

Summer tour: **July 14, 2017 in 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](http://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.