

Title of Project: Fescue Rejuvenation
Report Title: Annual Report March 2002
Report Covering Period: April 1, 2001 – March 31, 2002
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Objectives:

- Evaluate various methods and timing of fescue stand rejuvenation.
- Provide information and updates for fescue production manual.
- Assist the directors of Peace Region Forage Seed Assoc. in launching their voluntary Producer Research Fund by illustrating how producer funds can be matched and multiplied to carry out necessary research.

Accomplishments:

- Setup plot comparing 6 different rejuvenation methods near Two Rivers.
- Hired a summer student, Mariah Duncan, to carry out monitoring for 2001 season.
- Organized contractors for controlled burning of four plots.
- Organized ploughing in narrow plot strips and coordinated a field day/ ploughing demo.
- Coordinated discing, aerating, rolling, floating and fertilizing operations for appropriate plots.

Tasks in progress:

- Hiring and orientating Rae Haddow, agriculture student, to carry out monitoring and interviewing producers for 2002 season.
- Defining methodology for field scale applied research with both growers and researchers.

Extension and demonstration:

- Presentations by Don Pedersen and Sandra Burton at AGM/Seed Production & Marketing Seminar in Fort St John March 12 and Fairview, March 13, 2002.
- Display at Annual PRFSA Seminar, Grande Prairie Classic Agrishow & ongoing dialog with producers about project.
- Organized successful ploughing demonstration field days on Aug 3 & 4 , 2002 with Gregoire Bessan rollover plough.
- Collaborated with producers in designing methodology, partial funding and managing project.

Finances:

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| Total Project Budget: | | \$11,750.00 |
| Revenue from PRAD (Spec. Initiative surplus + 1 st cheque): | \$ 9,150.00 | |
| Revenue from PRFSA/Industry | <u>\$ 2,000.00</u> | |
| Total Income to Mar. 31, 2002 | \$11,150.00 | |
| Expenditures to Mar. 31, 2002 | | \$12,373.27 |
| Excess / (Deficit) | | (\$ 623.27) |

Variances from original work plan schedule or budget:

Summary comments, conclusions:

The PRFSA appreciates continued support of this project by PRAD board and of the producers writing individual cheques to the Producer Research Fund. After reporting at the annual seminars on how the Producer Research Funds had been used for the 2 projects (Fescue Rejuvenation and Control of Cutworms), contributions to the fund increased to 3 times what they were in 2001. This is one of several indicators of growing industry support for this producer managed project.

Attachments: detailed financial statements available on request.