

Title of Project: 10th Annual Forage & Livestock Tour June 16, 2001
Report Title: Final Report
Report Covering Period: June 2001
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Objectives:

- To bring forage producers, ranchers, researchers, and agribusinesses together to converse with each other.
- To tour and learn from forage and livestock operations in another area.
- To provide updates on current research & development projects, including remote watering systems, pasture renovation with AerWay, and nutrient management project.
- To provide a forum for discussing the latest production tips and equipment innovations among forage and livestock producers.

Accomplishments:

- A very successful tour was held on Saturday, June 16, 2001 in the Groundbirch – Lone Prairie – Chetwynd area.
- Attended by approx. 150 people, from both north and south Peace, in spite of the rainy weather and enforced boot sterilization procedures.
- Quality event with field walks, equipment demonstrations and great discussions/interactions all day and evening.

Tasks in progress:

- Articles about the tour for newspapers, thank you to hosts and sponsors.

Extension and demonstration:

- Tour was advertised, with recognition of all committed and potential sponsors, in both mailed out invitations (550) and newspaper articles / ads in the Northern Horizon.

Finances:

Total Budget Revenue	\$3,000.00
Total Budget Expenses	\$5,640.00
Total Actual Revenue	\$4,490.00
Total Actual Expenses	\$7,150.00

Total request to PRAD **\$2,660.00** or up to max **\$2,240.00** requested

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget: double the participants expected.

Summary comments, conclusions:

One of the spin off effects of funding various projects and initiatives in this region, is the investment in our local people. Two summer students, Heather Fossum (from Arras) and Julie Robinson (from Tower Lake), were nicknamed Boss#1 and Boss#2. They took the original agenda ideas from Ernie Nimitz and John Kendrew and coordinated the whole event. They felt empowered by the directors of the Peace River Forage Association, to coordinate a multitude of tour details and logistics (eg. doubling the refreshments and food to match the last minute doubling of attendees, extra bus/ transport, boot sterilization procedures at each stop because of hoof and mouth disease scare, sponsors, prizes, equipment demos, etc.)

Attachments: Detailed Financial Summary

Final Budget for 2001 Forage Livestock Tour on Saturday, June 16, 2001

Anticipated Income				Rec'd	Actual Amount	Budget
Ag Aware		<i>covered part of mailout costs</i>			\$364.00	\$375.00
BCMAFF		<i>covered rest of mailout & supplied boots</i>		yes	\$568.00	
Peace Tractor				yes	\$400.00	\$400.00
CIBC				yes	\$200.00	\$200.00
Bank of Montreal				yes	\$100.00	\$100.00
Small Woodlands Program		<i>supplied part of lunch costs</i>			\$200.00	\$200.00
Farm Credit Corporation		<i>gifts</i>	<i>(in kind)</i>	yes		
Kenver Equipment		<i>supplied BBQs, meat, etc.</i>		yes	\$900.00	\$600.00
Registrations	117	<i>people</i>		\$15.00	\$1,758.00	\$1,125.00
Total Income					\$4,490.00	\$3,000.00

Anticipated Expenses	#s	Units	Cost/ unit	Chq sent		
Bus rental, Cardinal Buses	2	busses	\$700.00		\$1,460.55	\$700.00
Coffee, refreshments	2	times	\$200.00		\$441.71	\$400.00
Lunch catering	130	people	\$6.00		\$780.00	\$700.00
Supper catering	150	people	\$12.45		\$1,867.50	\$1,200.00
Advertising: newspaper	2	insertions	\$400.00		\$802.50	\$400.00
Radio ads 1 week prime time		<i>never did any radio ads</i>			\$0.00	\$300.00
Mail out: copies, postage	550	people	\$1.45		\$797.50	\$500.00
Disinfection precautions for hoof & mouth disease					\$71.79	\$300.00
Contingency, administration	15	%			\$930.00	\$740.00
Total Expenses					\$7,150.00	\$5,240.00

Request for PRAD funds **\$2,660.00** **\$2,240.00**

Or up to max requested **\$2,240.00**

Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia



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August 20, 2001

Garnet Berge, Chairman
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Dear Garnet and Directors,

Our 2001 Summer Forage and Livestock Tour in June was a huge success.

We had a large and enthusiastic crowd in attendance for the entire event throughout the day and early evening.

Our Association appreciates your substantial financial support. This funding helped make our event successful and allowed us to visit with innovative and sound managers of forage and livestock enterprises.

The Directors and members of our Association believe that conducting an informational and interesting forage tour is one of the most important services that we can offer agricultural producers in the BC Peace River Country to help them maintain and improve their financial well being.

Thank you for helping make this possible in 2001.

Sincerely,



Arnold Bennett
President

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