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The objectives of the pulse project are to obtain information pertinent to pulse crop producers in the BC Peace Region, to hold membership with a Pulse Growers Association, provide producers with pulse growing information and have input in variety selection for pulse growers.

Accomplishments:

Bruce Baxter attended the **Prairie Registration Recommending Committee for Grain (PRRCG) meeting in Edmonton** for 4 days in February 2003.

The highlights of the meeting were;

- of the 10 varieties approved last year 4 were put forth these include SPONSOR, CDC STRIKER, CUTLASS & MISER.
- discussion on Coefficient of Variance (CV values) for plots some wanted 12% and others 17%, it stayed the same at 15% (this is to determine how "sound" data is)
- 2003 check MOZART & NITOUCHE for 2nd year, CUTLASS was added for first year check
- 49 new entries for 2003 43 yellow & 6 green
- Lacombe to be added as test site
- All new entries will be powdery mildew resistant for 2003
- The deadline and fees will stay the same
- This year 3 greens and 12 yellows were passed
- Regular committee business i.e. voting was carved out
- There has been quite change in member names and numbers

Extension and demonstration:

- Detailed meeting report at BCGPA Research Committee meeting
- Verbal feedback to area producers
- shared information with research manager for variety trials

Finances:

	Budget	Actual
Income	\$1,639.00	\$ 1,421.89
Expenses	\$1,639.00	\$ 1,421.89

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget:

There was no membership paid to AB pulse growers during that funding period

Summary comments, conclusions:

It is important to have a BCGPA Research member attend meetings where registration of varieties is being discussed, this will insure that pulse research undertaken in this region will compliment pulse research in other areas of Canada.

Attachments: detailed financial pulse project and "in kind" summary attached.