

**Title of Project:** Fescue Rejuvenation  
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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 monitoring program at plot comparing 6 different rejuvenation methods.
- Hired a summer student, Rae Haddow, to carry out monitoring for 2003 season.
- Organized contractors for custom operations at the rejuvenation plot.
- Set up a subplot within the site with Calvin Yoder on Control Options for Quackgrass in Established Creeping Red Fescue.
- Rated herbicide treatments for quackgrass control.
- Harvested samples from treatments by two methods: hand clipped samples and field scale yields with weigh wagon.

**Tasks in progress:**

- Threshing of hand cut samples a Beaverlodge Research Station.
- Compiling data from project.

**Extension and demonstration:**

- Collaborated with producers in designing methodology, partial funding and managing project.
- Discussed the results of the project with over 50 producers during the Annual Turf and Forage Seed Tour in July.
- Acknowledged PRAD partnership on this project on sign and verbally during tour.

**Variances from original work plan schedule or budget:**

- Several activities and contractors have not invoiced PRFSA to date. These expenses will be incurred in next quarter.

**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 several projects, contributions to the fund in 2002 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:** Financial statements as provided by bookkeeper.