

Title of Project: Safety Nets Project/ BCAC Liaison**Report Title:** Annual Report**Report Covering Period:** April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001**Organization(s):** BC Grain Producers Association.**Contact Person:** Jim Smolik, Chair**Address:** Box 161, Dawson Creek, BC, V1G 4H3**Telephone:** 250-782-8686 **Fax:** 250-782:8690 **Email:** bcgpa-c@pris.bc.ca**Objectives:**

- Represent the grain/ oilseed producers on Provincial Safety Nets Advisory Committee in program development by BC Ag Risk Management Branch.
- Organize local meetings to update producers on program developments.
- Represent the BCGPA on the BC Agriculture Council (BCAC) and forward relevant information to BC producers.
- Travel to meetings to represent BCGPA as required meeting objectives above

Accomplishments:

- Compiled a brief as requested by BCAC & presented it to Senate Committee in Ottawa on May 15, 2000 on the farm income situation and suggestions for federal and provincial safety nets programs
- Negotiated with BCMAFF to be compensated with an equitable payment to what Sask/Man producers received
- Designed guidelines & application process/ forms for Transportation Adjustment Fund
- Delivered fund to area producers (2 cheques) and reported to BCMAFF
- Compiled our position for both the federal NISA review & BC provincial position
- Participated in inaugural annual general meeting of Grain Growers of Canada
- Successfully spearheaded reduced premiums for crop insurance and hail insurance for 2001

Tasks in progress:

- Ongoing liaison with Provincial Safety Nets Advisory Committee members and government personnel with the BC Ag Risk Management Branch as changes to program are developed
- Ongoing liaison with BC Agriculture Council
- Ongoing communication and dialog with Grain Growers of Canada & part of GGC Safety Nets Committee
- Ongoing liaison with provincial crop insurance advisory committee
- Selection of reps for Investment Agriculture Foundation board
- Input into BC Ag Futures Fund
- Ongoing negotiation with BCMAFF & Safety Nets Committee re: recently announced \$500 million

Extension and demonstration:

- Organized an emergency meeting during seeding (with a good turnout of producers) to provide input and comments on the brief.
- Mailed out information, application forms, etc. to producers.
- Provided weekly updates on TAF progress during delivery of the fund.
- Made presentations at Field Crop Industry meetings in Nov. and BCGPA AGM in Jan.
- Brought Kevin Muxlow up to our AGM to speak about the benefits of joining Grain Growers of Canada

Finances:

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| Total approved project funds (+Special Initiative re: BCAC membership) | \$6370.00 |
| Income from Levy Council, PRAD2 | \$6020.40 |
| Expenditures claimed (inc. administration) | \$4578.32 |
| Excess or (deficit) | \$1442.08 |
| Request for holdback from PRAD | \$ 0 |

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget:

BCGPA decided to become voting members of BCAC & therefore fees increased by \$2000, so Special Initiative applied for and approved to cover the increase.

Summary comments, conclusions: This committee continues to be a high priority for BCGPA directors, members and area producers.

Attachments: detailed financial statements available on request