

**Title of Project:** Farm Forage Facts (IAF Project A0286)  
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**Objectives:**

- Document innovations and forage growing tips for other producers.
- Share inherent knowledge developed by forage producers over time with other ranchers in the region.

**Accomplishments:**

- Topics and issues identified to compile Farm Forage Facts on.
- Writers and co-authors contracted to compile first batch of Farm Forage Facts.
- Photographs organized by project and topic throughout summer for easy retrieval.
- Farm Forage Fact #4,5, 6,7,8,9,10,11 &12 completed and circulated.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> printing of earlier Forage Facts in spring 2002

**Status of Farm Forage Facts:**

- Farm Forage Fact #1 Peace Region Ranchers Knife Life into Forage Stands: compiled and circulated in fall, 2000; 2<sup>nd</sup> printing in December, 2001, 3<sup>rd</sup> printing March 2002
- Farm Forage Fact #2 Hot Tips from Electric Fencers: compiled and 1<sup>st</sup> circulation in fall, 2000; 2<sup>nd</sup> printing in December 2001, 3<sup>rd</sup> printing March 2002.
- Farm Forage Fact #3 Wisdom from Watering Holes: compiled and 1<sup>st</sup> circulation in fall, 2000; 2<sup>nd</sup> printing in December, 2001, 3<sup>rd</sup> printing March 2002
  
- Farm Forage Fact #4 Nose Pumps, Cattle Pump Water on Their Own: compiled in Sept, 2001; 1<sup>st</sup> mailing to 250 members Oct. 2001; 2<sup>nd</sup> printing for PRFA's AGM on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, 3<sup>rd</sup> printing March 2002
- Farm Forage Fact #5 Activities of the Peace River Forage Association of BC in 2001: compiled in Sept, 2001; 1<sup>st</sup> mailing to 250 members in Oct, 2001; 2<sup>nd</sup> printing for PRFA's AGM on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, 3<sup>rd</sup> printing March 2002
- Farm Forage Fact #6 Alfalfa Varieties Under the Test of Time and Field Scales: compiled in fall; 1<sup>st</sup> printing Jan 2002, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing March 2002.
  
- Farm Forage Fact #7 Solar Pumping Systems - Putting the Sun to Work for You. 1<sup>st</sup> printing Jan 2002, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing March 2002.
- Farm Forage Fact #8 Sulphur - Important for Animal & Plant Health. 1<sup>st</sup> printing Jan 2002, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing March 2002.
- Farm Forage Fact #9: Pot of Gold at the End of the Barn. 1<sup>st</sup> printing Jan 2002, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing March 2002

- Farm Forage Fact #10: Field Liming Impacts Forage Production; compiled in January 2002, 1<sup>st</sup> printing March 2002.
- Farm Forage Fact #11: Pasture Land Aeration Update; compiled in January 2002, 1<sup>st</sup> printing March 2002
- Farm Forage Fact #12: Increased Forage by Intensively Managed Controlled Grazing of Logged Lands; compiled in January 2002, 1<sup>st</sup> printing March 2002.

**Tasks in Progress *cont'd*:**

- First draft of forage facts about nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium (Julie Robinson).
- First drafts of forage facts on grazing management (Ernie Nimitz) and forages for longevity (Keith Carroll).
- Identifying other topics and writers for Farm Forage Facts to be published in 2002.

**Extension and demonstration:**

- Farm Forage Facts circulated to a mailing list of over 250 people and at 4 extension events throughout the past winter. They will also be distributed at upcoming Pasture Management workshops & BC Cattlemen's AGM/Trade Show.

**Finances:**

<b>Total Approved Project:</b>		\$8,100.00
<b>Income:</b>		
PRFA of BC	\$1,950.00	
Investment Agriculture to Mar. 31, 2002	\$1,463.00	
PRAD to Mar 31, 2002	<u>\$3,780.00</u>	
Total income		\$7,193.00
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Total expenses to Mar 31, 2002		\$8,141.09
Excess / (Deficit)		(\$948.09)

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

**Summary comments, conclusions:**

Farm Forage Facts to date have been well received. Every time knowledge is shared, there is a benefit to the forage industry. The perceived benefit to the industry was clearly demonstrated by the overwhelming response and support of another successful Forage Goods & Services Auction in Mar 2002 to raise seed money for continuing this project.

**Attachments:**

- 3 samples of Farm Forage Facts. We would be happy to provide any others upon request.
- Detailed financial summary.