

Title of Project: Research & Development Consultation Project

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Organization(s): Peace River Forage Association of BC

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Objectives:

- Send representatives of the R&D Committee to Pasture School in Lacombe, AB.
- Send representatives to Western Canadian Forage & Grazing Conference.
- Interact with wider forage industry of BC and Canada & share results of R & D.

Accomplishments:

- 4 people from PRFA of BC participated in Pasture School in Lacombe on June 19-21, 2002.
- 2 people from PRFA of BC participated in annual BC Forage Council meetings in Nanaimo on January 10, 2002.
- 4 people from PRFA of BC attended Cattlemen's Corral in Fairview in Oct, 2001 and met with 2 other forage association boards to coordinate activities and a joint newsletter.
- met with Rod Carlyon, Industry Development Specialist, AAFRD, to discuss potential partnering on forage and beef value adding projects in the Peace.

Tasks in progress:

- Coordinating an initiative to bring the Pasture School (& some of the resource people from Western Beef/ Forage Group in Lacombe) to the Peace region in summer of 2002.
- Organizing travel options for several producers to attend Pasture School.
- Updating display for R & D Consultation purposes.

Extension and demonstration:

- Reports compiled and distributed at AGM on December 1, 2001.
- Articles written in Forage First newsletters published by Nimitz family.

Finances:

Total Approved Budget:	\$4600.00	
Total Approved PRAD Funds	\$3680.00	
Total PRAD Funds to date	\$3312.00	
PRFA of BC	<u>\$ 920.00</u>	
Total Income	\$4232.00	
Expenditures (April, 2000 to March 31, 2001)		\$4627.24
Excess / (Deficit)		(395.24)

Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget:

- The association regretted not being able to participate in the Western Canadian Forage & Grazing Conference in Saskatoon last Dec.

Summary comments, conclusions:

- Pasture School participants over the past couple of years have been so enthused about the quality and quantity of information gained, that they wanted to share some of this info with a larger group of people. Thus, the Pasture and Woodland Management workshop series were organized for our region, bringing a few of the WFBG resource people here, providing local ranchers with more opportunities to interact with them. This series provides a sampling or beginning grazing principles that leads into the more in depth Pasture School in Lacombe.