

# FORAGE FIRST

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## Test Your Feed & Know What You Are Feeding Your Herd !

New partnerships with Beef Cattle Industry Development (BCID) and Canadian Cattlemen's Association Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Program (CCA GHGMP) are enabling the Peace River Forage Association to organize feeding strategy workshops, grazing demonstrations and several extension events. See CCA BCID Project on page 6 and Events on page 7 for more details.

### 2004 Directors of the Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia

*"Dedicated to putting forage first in the hearts, minds and pocketbooks of livestock producers and other forage enthusiasts"*

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## Big Changes for the Peace River Forage Association of BC



Ernie Nimitz has recently resigned as Director and Communications Cha. for the Peace River Forage Association of BC. When some of our members heard the news they had the following to say.

"Without Ernie, the Forage Association would have died, without a doubt. Sometimes he got under our hides, didn't he Sandra? but that's one way of keeping people motivated." *Arnold Bennett, Two Rivers*

"In the spring of 1992, I received a handwritten note in the mail from Ernie. He was wondering if a "forage association" might fly. I sent a note back telling him that we would never know unless we tried it.

"Ernie's interest, foresight, ambition and promotion has brought the association to the level of where it is the most active, experimental and informative outlet of any other agricultural organization in the area. Ernie's most recent and appropriate position as Communications/ Information Director has been well demonstrated in the outstanding newsletters, projects and field tours that have become a "gold standard" in the agricultural community." *Sincerely, Darrell Peterson, Rancher, South Taylor area*

"Ernie had lots of innovative ideas to get people involved. I remember the wagon ride at the Nimitz ranch, with Fred Burres driving a newly broke team of horses. Things were going okay until we headed up a hill. When things got a little wild, my sister, Phyllis Wiles unloaded off the wagon in a hurry. Mark and Michael were just small and collecting worms that day." *Nelda Bennett, Two Rivers*

"We have known Ernest from the start of the Forage Association. He spearheaded the association and dedicated many hours of his time, with the help of his wife Joanne, to bring forage information to the farmers of the Peace area. Thanks to Ernest we have a strong forage association to this day." *Ben & Wilma Hansen, Tayl*

"Ernie's dedication to the association has come in many forms throughout the years, he has spearheaded many initiatives and was always planning future projects, with many ideas on the go. We have learned to appreciate Ernie's many talents and abilities as he is a great asset in many situations. It is always a pleasure working with the Nimitz family, as their free spirits and animated stories are always enjoyable. The Forage Pot will miss your vigilant pot stirring Ernie!" *Sandra Burton & Julie Robinson, Farmington*



**Thank you Ernie! Thank you Nimitz family!**

Darwin Linford has moved with his family and business to the 100 Mile House area. Darwin was a member for a couple of years before joining the Board of Directors in December 2003. "Although our time was short, Darwin, we sure enjoyed the learning and the laughter with you!" *Sandra Burton and Julie Robinson.*

**Thank you Darwin!**





## 1600 Acres of Direct Seeded Forages

by Sandra Burton



A very determined **Julie Robinson** seeded forages at 20 different fields, with a wide range of conditions, totally over 1600 acres. This spring she was hired by the Peace River Forage Association to operate the Flexicoil 8000 air drill with Barton openers. The Forage Association also leased a JD 4850 200 hp tractor from **Bill Wilson** (at a generously reduced rate). This enabled us to offer a package rental of drill, tractor and experienced operator to farmers and ranchers wishing to try direct seeding forages. It was a long seeding season but we learned lots!

A key priority was to establish 7 demonstration plots for the SCCC GHGMP with committed cooperators: Arnold Bennett, Walter Fritsche, Glenn Hogberg, Ralf Hogberg, John Kendrew, Jodi Kendrew, and Glen Mielke. The following summarizes the comparisons at each of their plots:

**Arnold Bennett:** is comparing fall verses spring seeding alfalfa in a field with poor establishment. He is worried that between a droughty spring and grasshoppers no seedlings have survived.

**Walter Fritsche** is comparing reseeding timothy (+fertilizer) by broadcasting or by placing it with air drill. Dry conditions up until the hay cut masked any differences, but Walter wants to check the regrowth this fall.

**Glenn Hogberg** compared rejuvenating a declining hay field by placing fertilizer and alfalfa seed in 2003. This demo was monitored for another year to see if there was any carryover effect.

**Ralf Hogberg** is comparing different ways to convert in and out of forages over several years. In one case the field was ploughed, disced and manured before growing green feed oats. This is being compared to direct seeding and fertilizing oats into a spring sprayed hay stand. At the time of writing, this crop has been flattened by 2 wet snow events and Hogbergs are considering their options of utilizing that feed for their herd.

**John Kendrew** has organized a 6 way comparison of various methods and rotations for converting an old hay field into annual forages and then into perennial forages for grazing. There are both successes and disappointments at this site and lots to learn from.

**Jodi Kendrew** has asked the capable duo of Kendrew and Wilson to manage this demo for her. An old hay field is being converted into annual silage crops for a couple of years then back into perennial forages with a 3 way comparison of ploughing followed by disking, disking only and spraying followed by direct seeding.

**Glen Mielke** is comparing different seeding rates of oats when direct seeded into a fescue stand. Harvest for seed is still underway at this site.

This is only a glimpse of one part of our ambitious soil conservation project. These learning opportunities are thanks due to Peace Tractor, Rolla Ag Services, Ducks Unlimited, Prairie Seeds, ASCA, PRSCA and last but not least, Soil Conservation Council of Canada GHGMP. Call Sandra at 789 6885, to find out more information.

## Sandys' Squared Super Soil Saver

We hosted 5 distinguished guests from the Soil Conservation Council of Canada in the Peace from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, and we ensured that their time was action packed from the moment they arrived until they each caught their flights. They were impressed with our creative partnering and the variety of soil and nutrient management demonstrations that the Forage Association has initiated over the last 2 seasons.

In photo from left: Michael Cowger (Director), Bruce Fatkin (BC Taking Charge Team), Glenn Hogberg (R& D Chair), Doug McKell (Executive Director SCCC), Bill Wilson (Treasurer), Sarah Davies (Secretary), Sandy Traichel (BC Co-coordinator GHGMP), Judy McKell (Manager Indian Head Ag Research Fdn) and Sandra Burton (BC co-coordinator GHGMP). Missing from photo: Gerard Baars (Baarsview Farms).







Shawn Cusack (left), Aron Collins (middle), and Rick Kanz (right) describe their innovative practices at the Annual Forage and Livestock Tour on June 19th



Alex and Mike from Kenver



Sarah Davies and Sandy Traichel discuss the important role of dung beetles..



Michael Cowger and his family graciously hosted lunch during the Annual Forage and Livestock Tour.



Scenes from the Super Soil Saver Tour w. esteemed visitors from SCCC.

Darryl Kroeker (far right in photo on right) is the man at Ducks Unlimited.





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New demo plots at John Garlinski's and Aron Collins' farms are part of a newly funded Grazing and Feeding Strategies project.



We had fun sharing ideas about fencing and watering systems during the Cows & Ducks Tour on August 11th.





## Extending the Grazing Season

By Julie Robinson

This summer and fall's robust activities, such as the Annual Summer Tour in Montney and the Cows and Ducks Tour, and the new projects involving Grazing System Demonstrations and Feeding Strategies Courses were made possible by the generous contributions from our new funding partners Canadian Cattlemen's Association Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Program and Beef Cattle Industry Development Fund.

This fall we are gathering information on the timing of cutting oats for swath grazing, we will be taking clippings and getting the analysis to determine when oats have their highest feed value and we are also learning to estimate yields for swath grazing to compare quality and quantity. These plots are in cooperation with Bill Wilson, Glenn Hogberg, and Gordon Lazinchuk.



To learn more about extending the grazing season, we are also collecting information about the quality of stockpiled forages in both tame and native species in pastures. Showing what the feed values of stockpiled forages (forages left to be grazed in the winter) is and how fast these values decline and what stocking densities these stockpiled forages can handle will help us to demonstrate the benefit of grazing stockpiled forages. We are working in cooperation with the Rainey Ranch.

We are also working with some fescue producers, Collins and Vander Lindens to determine the benefits of grazing fescue fields in seed production in the fall. We will be collecting fescue clipping and stocking densities from the producers to show what these fields are capable of. There are benefits to both the cattle and the fescue seed yields from this relationship.

We are also collecting information about timing of cutting and quality of forages. In cooperation with John Garlinski, we are working on developing some values on timing of cuts and feed quality over several years.

## Know the Quality of Your Feed and Soils

by Sandra Burton & Julie Robinson

Have you ever wondered what your feed quality is? Have you noticed your hay quality or yield starting to decline? Have you missed some of test interpretation assistance that folks like Jim Forbes used to provide through BCMAFF? Have you wondered what your potassium or sulphur levels are? Here is your chance!

### Proposed Schedule of Fees for Feed & Soil Testing & Interpretation Services

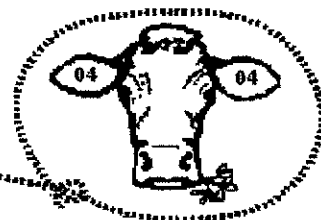
#### Feed Quality:

Probe borrowed & returned in good condition within 48 hours	N/C
Probe kept longer than 48 hours	\$75/day
Feed sample test with package FD 9 ( <i>at subsidized rate</i> )	\$50/sample
Feed sample test with package FD 6 ( <i>at market rate</i> )	\$44/sample
Interpretation of test result terminology & Norwest printouts	\$20/ hour
Cost comparison of TDN and protein feed sources ( <i>using worksheet developed by Jim Forbes</i> )	\$25/ hour
Sampling services ( <i>depending on # of samples, travel, bale locations</i> )	\$50-\$200/ranch

#### Soil Quality:

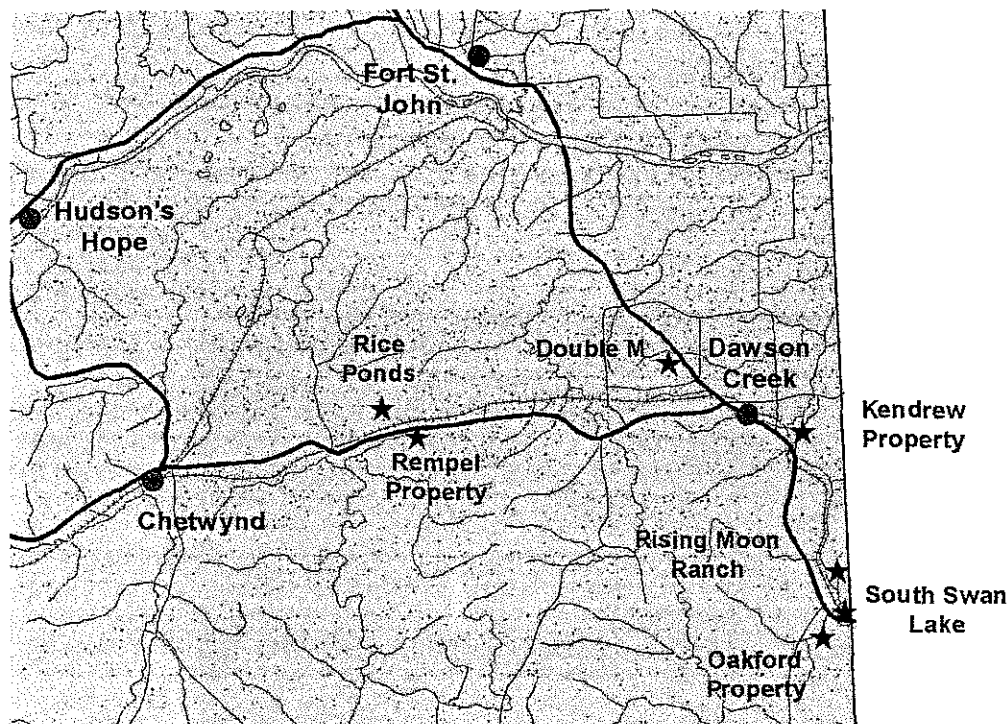
Probe borrowed & returned in good condition within 48 hours	N/C
Probe damaged or kept longer than 48 hours	\$75/day
Soil sample test with Complete D Analysis package ( <i>at subsidized rate</i> )	\$50/sample
Interpretation of test result terminology & Norwest printouts	\$20/ hour
Interpretation for fertility management	\$25/ hour
Sampling services ( <i>depending on # of samples, travel, field locations &amp; conditions</i> )	\$50-\$200/ranch

For drop off and pick up arrange with Julie at: phone (250) 782 4501 fax (250) 782 4506



## **Ducks and Cows Tour**

Today's tour showcases a variety of watering systems installed in the last few years by Ducks Unlimited Canada and its partners from the East Pine area to the Tomslake area. Several other features will also be viewed on the tour such as rotational grazing systems, riparian pastures, direct seeding forages, and riparian protection including riparian planting.



Locations of the seven projects visited on this tour

### **A SPECIAL THANKS TO TODAY'S TOUR SPONSORS:**

Agriculture and Agri Food Canada PFRA, Canadian Cattleman's Association GHGMP, CRC Ranching Supplies, Dawson Creek Co-Op, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Kane Veterinary Supplies, Peace Country Seeds, Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia, Soil Conservation Council of Canada, Keddies Tack & Western Wear



## **Rice Ponds –**

**Rice Road, 55km west of  
Dawson Creek**

This project is on Crown land with annual licenses to agricultural operations for grazing. The total project consists of 1280 acres, and the enhancements include two earthen dams with water controls. Both structures hold back a considerable amount of water to provide habitat for waterfowl and wildlife while still providing livestock water.



**Grazed vs ungrazed areas**

- The upper basin allows access for livestock along the entire shoreline.
- The lower basin is fenced off to exclude livestock, but two off-site watering systems have been established for summer watering.
- One system delivers water from the storage reservoir to a trough by gravity feed. The second system delivers water to a trough using a solar-powered pump.
- For both troughs, a float mechanism regulates the water level, and a firm pad has been built to provide livestock with a firm footing while they are at the watering trough.



**Solar watering system with reservoir in background**

The area around the lower pond has been fenced off to provide birds with an area of better nesting habitat, but it can also be grazed as a “riparian pasture”, meaning that grazing can occur for short regulated periods of time when there will be the least amount of impacts to wildlife (e.g late summer / early fall).

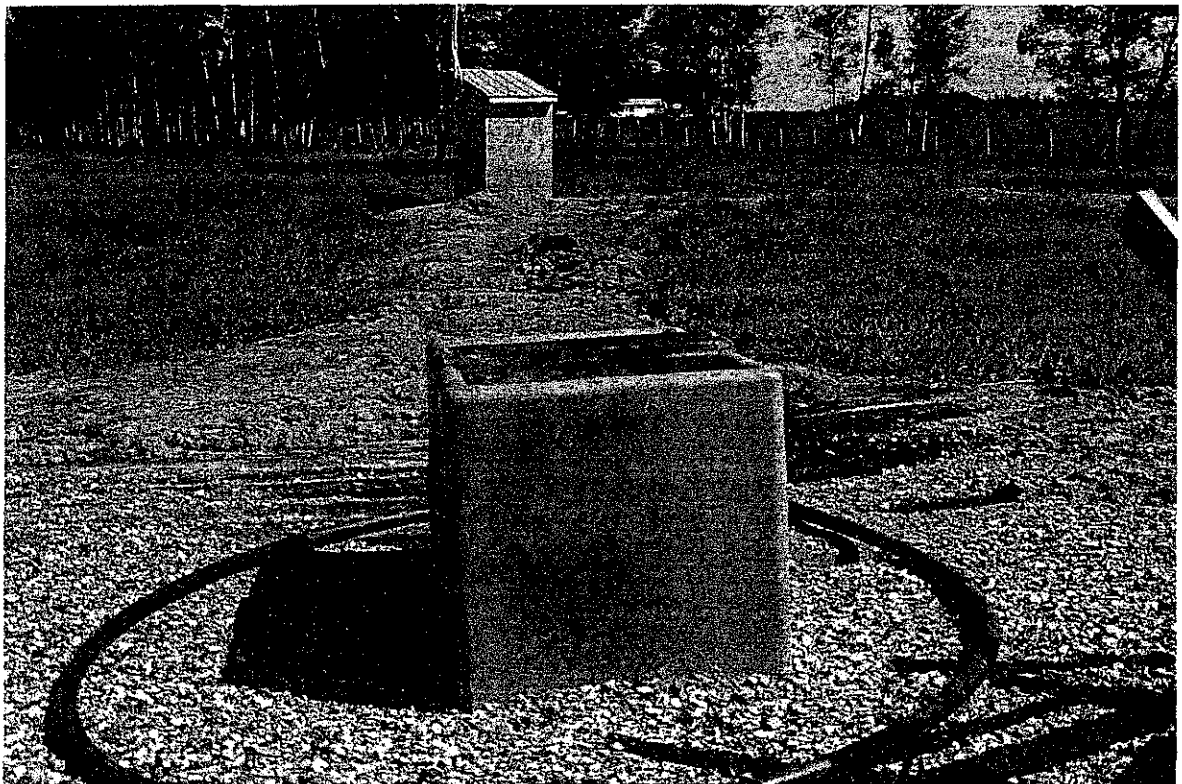


## **Rempel Property –**

**Stuckey Road, 45km west of Dawson Creek**

This property belongs to Jakob Rempel. The project consists of a wetland that will soon be fenced to exclude livestock, and an off-site winter watering system.

- To supply livestock with adequate water all year long, a fencing system will be built to provide access to a single watering trough from several pastures.
- The watering trough is actually constructed from pre-cast concrete, and can water up to 380 head of livestock daily, in all seasons.
- A firm pad has been built around the trough to provide livestock with a firm footing while they are at the watering trough.
- A dugout was constructed adjacent to the wetland to provide sufficient depth to prevent winter freezing of the water intake.
- The watering system is powered by hydroelectricity which was brought in to the site.



Winter watering trough with power shed in background



## **Double M Ranch –**

**Hargraves Road, 11km northwest of Dawson Creek**

This property belongs to Mike McConnell and Judy Madden. The project consists of three livestock watering dugouts and a small wetland.

The landowners use a rotational grazing system. One dugout has been fenced so that livestock have access from one side only. The access slope on this dugout is flat, and geo-fabric and gravel were placed to provide for a cleaner, drier footing for livestock. An aeration windmill has been installed to improve water quality.



The second dugout is within a livestock exclusion fence, and the dugout is attached to a wetland that is also excluded from livestock use. A solar pump has been installed to pump water from the dugout to a trough, which waters livestock in three pastures. A firm pad has been built to provide livestock with a firm footing while they are at the watering trough. This system is for summer watering use only, and an aeration windmill has been installed.



The third dugout is also within a livestock exclusion fence, but it provides water to a watering trough using a gravity-feed system. The trough can provide water for livestock in two pastures. A firm pad has been built around the trough. This system is for winter use as well as summer use, and an aeration windmill has been installed.



# Kendrew Property:

## Soil Conservation of Canada GHGMP Project –

Briar Ridge 4 Road, between Spirit River Hwy 49 and Pouce Coupe

This property belongs to John and Pat Kendrew. It demonstrates 6 different methods (20 acres each) of rejuvenating / reseeding an old hayfield to increase forage productivity. A direct-seeding drill (Flexicoil air drill with Barton openers) was used to seed either cereal forages or grass legume mixtures in various portions of the field for the past 3 springs.

Rejuvenation methods involve

- comparing areas with / without a year or two of annual cereal forage,
- seeding with / without spring burnoff with Roundup, and
- seeding forage mixtures with / without cover crop.

There is also a demonstration of double-cropping spring oats with fall rye into 2 different field residue situations. The Kendrews' site is one of 18 GHGMP demos coordinated by the Peace River Forage Association this season.

A = Control, hay field with declining yield left with no changes for 2002, 2003, 2004; to be hayed

B = 2002: hayed with poor yield; 2003: forage mixture direct seeded into hay field, no burnoff; 2004: to be hayed

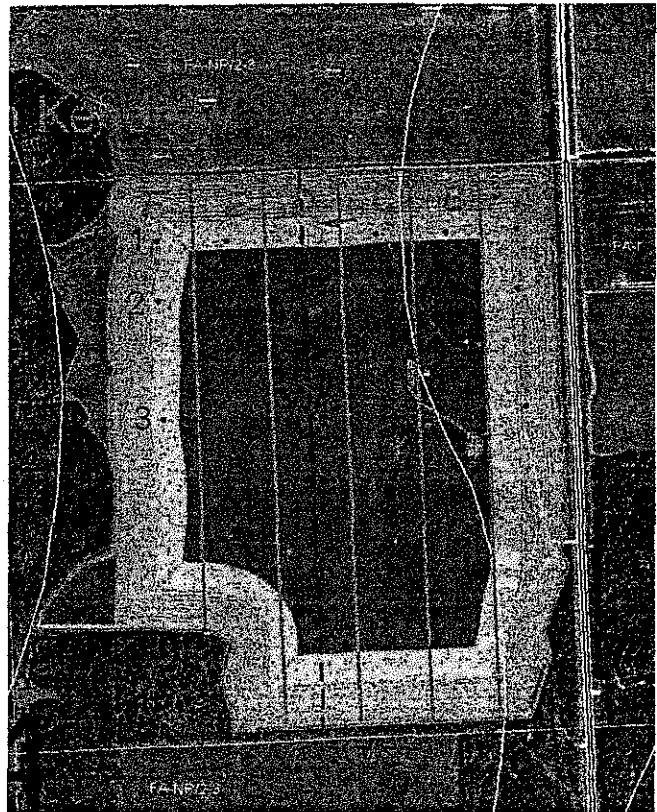
C = 2002: hayed with poor yield; 2003: sprayed with Roundup + direct seeded forage mix; 2004: direct seeded spring oats + fall rye, to be fall grazed

D = 2002: spring burnoff + direct seeded oats; 2003: spring burnoff + direct seeded barley; 2004: spring burnoff + direct seeded spring oats/ fall rye, to be fall grazed

E = 2002: spring burnoff + direct seeded oats; 2003: spring burnoff + clover/ alfalfa/ grass mixture direct seeded + barley cover crop; 2004: to be hayed

F = 2002: spring burnoff + direct seeded oats; 2003: spring burnoff + clover/ alfalfa/ grass mixture direct seeded, no cover crop; 2004: to be hayed

1,2 and 3 denote detailed monitoring benchmarks at site





# **Rising Moon Ranch –**

**Independent Road, Tomslake, 24km southeast of Dawson Creek**

This property belongs to Dwight and Janet Stevens. The project consists of three dugouts, one of which has an off-site watering system.

- The first dugout is exclusively for wildlife and was built as a moat around an island.
- The second is for emergency water.
- The third provides water for livestock, and it was placed near the centre of the property so that it can provide water to a four-pasture rotational grazing system. A watering trough on a firm pad has been built near the dugout, and the dugout has been fenced to exclude livestock. This site has hydroelectric power, but the setup is probably still applicable to solar watering systems. Water is pumped from the dugout to a tank perched on a spoil mound, and from there the water gravity feeds to a watering trough which is regulated by a float. The main purpose of this system is to provide water when the pump may not work for a few days, and it is a summer watering system only. The dugout is aerated using hydroelectricity.



Watering trough

# **Oakford Property –**

**Heritage Highway, 32km south of Dawson Creek**

This property belongs to Bill and Chris Oakford. The project consists of a large dugout with a waterfowl pond attached, and an off-site watering system.

- The dugout has been fenced so that livestock have access from one side (and one pasture) only. The access slope is relatively flat, and gravel was placed to provide for a cleaner, drier footing for livestock.
- There is a gravity-feed winter watering system, built on a firm pad, which services another pasture. The watering trough is a well-insulated winter trough.
- An aeration windmill has been installed in the dugout to improve water quality.

The Oakfords use rotational grazing systems for their pastures, and it is all done using electric fencing, including around the dugout.



**Gravity-feed watering system**



Waterfowl pond with  
nesting island



## South Swan Lake –

South end of Swan Lake, 27 km southeast of Dawson Creek

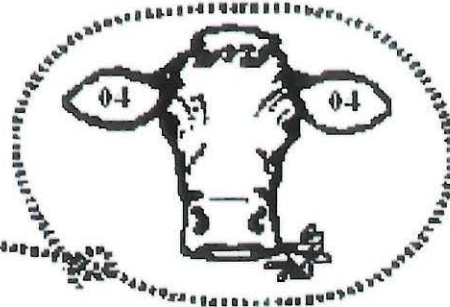
This property belongs to Ducks Unlimited. Ducks Unlimited is developing the property to enhance an area for wildlife, but also plans to use a small portion of the property to demonstrate improved agricultural methods. Because the property has several creeks and is adjacent to Swan Lake, a number of riparian protection techniques have been used to ensure low impacts on water quality.

- A **six-pasture rotational system** has been established, and livestock have no access to the lake or streams in any pasture. Instead, two of the pastures access one watering trough, and four access a second watering trough. Both troughs receive water from shallow wells and have been set up as wintering watering systems for use in all seasons. A firm pad has been built around each trough. The fencing system utilizes sucker rod fences, barbed-wire fences and electric fences.
- The **riparian areas** along the creeks have been recently planted to trees and shrubs to improve wildlife use.
- A large **dam and water control** will permanently flood part of an old sedge meadow which frequently backflooded in spring (and which made agricultural uses very sporadic).
- Part of the property will provide **hay** for the agricultural operation on the property while also providing fall grazing for Canada Geese.
- There are also some **hedgerow tree and shrub plantings** on a hillside that often dries out. The trees and shrubs are expected to catch winter precipitation and provide for better ground absorption of this water. The forage strip between the plantings can be hayed periodically to provide further winter forage for livestock.



Winter watering trough.

# Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia



Peace River Forage Association  
will be a Delivery Group for the  
**Environmental Farm Plan Program 2004-2008**

**Farm Workshops will begin in Winter 2004**



Are you interested in  
**participating** in a workshop  
or  
Want more **information** about  
Environmental Farm Plans



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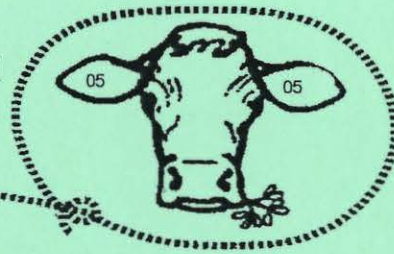
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# 2005 Membership

Peace River Forage Association  
of British Columbia



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Main Enterprise & Interest

- ☐ Beef
- ☐ Dairy
- ☐ Sheep
- ☐ Bison
- ☐ Horse
- ☐ Game
- ☐ Seeds
- ☐ Hay
- ☐ Grazing
- ☐ Agribusiness
- ☐ Resource Agency
- ☐ Forage Enthusiast
- ☐ Association Projects

**Please note:** Fellow Forage Enthusiasts - This \$30 fee provides you with membership in the Peace River Forage Association of BC and gets you on our mailing list to receive our Forage First newsletters, new Forage Facts sheets, notices of meetings, tours & field days and entitles you to vote at our AGM. Please make your cheque payable to: **Peace River Forage Association of BC.**

**Dates to Remember:**

**December 1, 2004 – Annual General Meeting – watch our website for details.**

**[www.peaceforage.bc.ca](http://www.peaceforage.bc.ca)**

**Your comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$\$ Grow Green with Us\$\$**





# Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia

## Services & Upcoming Events

### October

#### **Developing a Feeding Strategy for Your Herd 2 Workshops offered by PRFA of BC**

Dawson Creek area: Nov 2 & two other days to be announced from 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
3 sessions of 3 hours each at Enterprise Centre (behind South Peace Secondary)

Fort St. John area: Thursdays – Nov 4 & two other days to be announced from 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
3 sessions of 3 hours each at Northern Lights College, Fort St John campus.

Go to our website for complete info [www.peaceforage.bc.ca](http://www.peaceforage.bc.ca) or call Julie 250 782 4501

### November

**BC South Peace River Stockmen's AGM** - Nov 26 at McLeod Hall, Progress, BC  
Keep checking PRFA of BC website for details

**Lowcost Cow-Calf school** Nov 9 - 12, 2004 in Lacombe, AB.

For more info go to <http://www.lowcostcowcalf.com> or 1 800 575 0864

### December

**PRFA of BC AGM** - December 1, 2004. Check our website for details or call  
Julie at 250 782 4501 or Sandra 250 789 6885

**Western Canadian Grazing Conference** Dec. 8-10, 2004 at Mayfield Inn  
Edmonton, AB. Featured speakers: Jim Gerrish, Wayne Burleson & Paul MacInnes  
Improved Grazing Management is one area in which there are lots of opportunities for  
productivity & profit. For more info call: BC -1 403 742 7942. AB -1 800 387 6030

### SERVICES

#### **Nose Pumps:**

Contact: Glenn Hogberg (250) 843 7653

There are 3 nose pumps (Eider, Lister and Aquamat) available from PRFA of BC.

#### **AerWay:**

Contact Chuck Sutherland (250) 780 2221

The 12' AerWay aerator with chain harrows and cement weights is available for rent. The current rates are \$2.50/ac for members and \$3.00/ac new members. Renters are responsible for transport from last location unless otherwise negotiated with Chuck (for example crossing the Peace River).

#### **Wire spooler:**

Contact Pat Gerlinsky (250) 759 4038

This 12 volt wire spooler is great for rolling up or unrolling high tensile wire. Rate: \$25 /day

#### **Pipe Line Plough:**

Contact PFRA - Brett Henschel (250) 782 3116

This enables placement of water pipe up to 18" deep for 1 mile or more from water source. It is currently available for demonstrations rent free. Contact or Julie Robinson at (250) 782 4501 for information on setting up demo.

#### **20' Flexicoil 8000 Air Drill**

Contact John Kendrew (250) 786 5652

This drill has double shoot Barton openers and is being used to direct seed forage crops and/or place fertilizer into forage stands. It will be available for rent by members, once demonstration plot commitments are met. Rates are subject to change dependent on tractor lease and operator costs. Travel costs are also paid by each renter.

**Please call for current arrangements and rates.**

#### **43' Dutch Anhydrous Applicator**

Contact Rolla Agricultural Services - Art Funk (250) 759 4769

This unit enables placement of anhydrous ammonium into stubble or grass stands with less nitrogen losses to the air.

**Please call for current arrangements and rates.**

#### **Water Pumping Service:**

Contact PFRA - Brett Henschel or Brian Haddow (250) 782 3116

See PRFA of BC website for complete details – [www.peaceforage.bc.ca](http://www.peaceforage.bc.ca)



# Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

Taylor Community Hall, Taylor, British Columbia

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2003

## Peace River Forage Association of B.C. Agenda

1. 11:30am – 12:30 pm Luncheon and Guest Speakers: Marketing Beef to the Consumer
2. 1:00 pm Call to order of AGM and approval of Agenda (*Chuck Sutherland*)
3. Minutes from December 2003 AGM (*Sarah Davies*)
4. Association Business
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Presidents Report (*Chuck Sutherland*)
  - C. Treasurer's Financial Reports (*Bill Wilson*)
    1. General Association Account
    2. Water Project Account
    3. SCCC/GHGMP Account
  - D. Nominations for Directors (Directors whose terms are expiring: Michael Cowger, Chuck Sutherland, Sarah Davies) (Resigned Directors: Ernie Nimitz and Darwin Linford)
  - E. Other Business items, accepting reports, appointing auditor
5. 1:45 Directors and Committee Activities in 2004 and Future plans for 2005  
Break into Discussion Groups (*Bill Wilson*)
  - Group 1 (*Chuck, Sandra, Paul*)
    - A. Items for Rent (*Chuck Sutherland*)
    - B. BC Forage Council update
    - C. Advisory Committee Report
    - D. Wildlife Policy Development Committee (*Paul Cowger*)
    - E. SCCC/ GHGMP – Zero-till Practices, seeding into sod, fall spraying
  - Group 2 (*Sarah, Michael, Kim*)
    - A. Communications Committee, Events and Extensions
      1. Forage First Feedback
      2. Mailing Lists/ Memberships (*Sarah*)
      3. Winter Forage Club Meetings
      4. Jan Seminar 2004 "Surviving the Times" - feedback
      5. Summer Tour 2004 Montney Area - feedback
      6. January Seminar, Wednesday January 26, 2004, Dawson Creek "Low Cost Production: Cutting Feeding Costs" (*Neil Boyd, Bill Hansen SPFA. Body Condition scoring*)
      7. Summer Forage Tour 2005, Tentative dates June 11,18,25
      8. Website (*Kim*)
  - Group 3 (*Glenn, Julie*)
    - A. Research and Development Committee Report (*Glenn Hogberg*)
      1. CCA/GHGMP – Grazing System Demonstrations, Feeding Strategies
      2. EFP Update
      3. Future Project/Initiatives
6. 2:30 p.m. Change Station
7. 3:15 p.m. Coffee and Refreshments Break (Introduce Darryl Kroeker – Ducks Unlimited)
8. 3:30 p.m. Last Station Change
9. 4:15 p.m. Adjournment

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Members, please note, this is your opportunity "to get a free lunch" and to hear our guest speakers.  
Director's Business Meeting and Supper to follow the AGM 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Members Welcome  
Preceding the AGM, Directors meet for business at 10:00 am