

Celebrating 30

Memories of the Annual Summer Tours

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Year	Where	Topics	Hosts	Highlights
2002	Dawson Creek	PRFA Booth at Trade Show during BCCA Annual Convention	Bill Wilson & John Kendrew, BCCA Organizing Committee	PRFA launched our website & our booth was very popular
2003	Vanderhoof & Nechako	Offsite watering, dairy operation, beef cow/ calf , backgrounding feedlot, pivot irrigation	Mark & Laura Grafton Ophus Meadow Halltrays Farm Martens Family	BarK Ranch & BBQ crew from Kenver Equip waited for our very late bus
2004	Montney	Rotational grazing to convert woodlands to pasture, silaging, adding manure to improve hay land, forage seed fields	Hogbergs Cusacks Cowgers Bickfords Summers	Partnered with SCCC for 3 Day Super Soil Saver Tour (see photo to right)
2004	East Pine, Pouce Coupe & Tomslake	Cows & Ducks Tour visiting 8 summer & winter watering systems in the South Peace	Rices, Rempels, Double M Ranch, Kendrews, Rising Moon Ranch, Oakford	Collaborated with Ducks Unlimited & AAFC/ PFRA

We hear from readers that you enjoy reviewing our history of PRFA as an organization. Here is another installment of history: more tours hosted by PRFA of BC. You can find this & more by going to the website, clicking on the History page under About Us on the newly designed website: www.peaceforage.bc.ca



South Peace Hutterite Colony, tour hosts in 2006.



Rae Haddow, Nelda Bennett & Julie Robinson during joint tour with BC Grasslands Conservation in June 2008.

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2005	Valleyview, Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge & Swan Lake	Cows & Casinos Tour: Heart Valley Processors, buffalo/ cattle feedlot, pasture management, watering systems, fencing	Stan & Reita Sparks Bill & Jeannie Hansen Bob Rossler Rob Davidson Ducks Unlimited	BBQ hosted by Bill & Jeannie Hansen & Kenver Equip
2006	Tower Lake	Pasture rejuvenation, South Peace Stock Farms, poultry kill plant & cattle ranch	Nielson Brothers Darrell Peterson Peace View & South Peace Hutterite Colonies	Supper hosted by South Peace Hutterite Colony & Kenver Equip
2007	Fort Saint John, Cecil Lake & Flatrock	Alfalfa field, dairy operation, watering & fencing systems, timothy & fescue seed fields, solar water pump	Verne & Karen Goodings, Fred & Madeleine Lehmann, Dave & Karen Wuthrich, Duane & Bonnie Friessen	BBQ hosted by Duane & Bonnie Friesen & Douglas Lake Equip
2008	Montney & Baldonnel	Compost & manure demos, alfalfa fields, grass seed fields, oil well installation, pasture management	Rick Kantz Andrew & Brian Clarke Ed & Lori Hadland Nelda & Arnold Bennett	Partnered with BC Grasslands Conservation, Douglas Lake & Beatton 4H Club
2009	Fairview	Sheep pasture mgt, grazing cicer milkvetch, canolina & biodiesel, forage seed cleaning plant tour & BBQ	Laurie & Liam Read Paul & Lori Kinee Ken Herlinveaux & Judy Boycott Golden Acre Seeds	Collaborated with Peace Country Beef & Forage Association