

Forage Facts



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DID YOU KNOW?

**Half the habitable
land in the world
is used for Farming.**

Field Day, 2023

by Alaina Archibald

On August 3, 2023 the PCBFA team held the 9th Annual Field Day on the Research Farm! This year presented several weather related challenges leading up to the event, but we persevered and hosted a wonderful event with a new record for attendees with over 250 people passing through the gate! Attendees of all ages thoroughly enjoyed the wagon rides provided by Peace Draft Horse Club, plot tours, a petting zoo, face painting, scavenger hunt, and trade show booths. A deliciously catered supper with live music from Jaydee Bixby & the Honkey Tonk Hillbillies was a hit among those present.



Photo Credit
Dan Przybilski

Where's The Beef?

by Alaina Archibald

For the first time in many years, Peace Country Beef & Forage has a Beef Project happening on the research farm! In collaboration with local producer Brock Friedel, we are proud to currently have 17 Cow-Calf pairs on the farm participating in a research project on Crop-Livestock Integration!



The cows were weighed the morning of arrival, and we are rotating them through 4 small pastures with the help of a Razer Grazer by Range Ward. Each pasture is blanketed in a beautiful cover crop by Covers & Co housing 15 different varieties.

The purpose behind this research project is to evaluate the benefits of integrating cows on grain production fields and to examine the improvement of soil composition, crop fertility and carbon sequestration through grazing and utilizing Green Manure and Cow Manure. Botanical composition of the soil was taken prior to the cattle entering the property. Pit fall traps were set in the cover crop that is being grazed, as well as in the cover crop that is destined to be put into Green Manure.

The cattle are also thoroughly enjoying 24/7 access to the Solar Water Buggy, leant to us from Clearfab Manufacturing of Cleardale, Alberta.



Goodbye, Staff!



As fall approaches, we have said goodbye to several valued staff members at PCBFA, both seasonal and permanent!



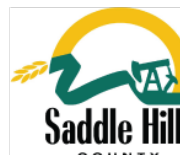
Wishing all the best to Johanna Murray (Extension Coordinator), Shaun Woronuk, Marissa Moffatt, Paige Davies, Hayden Gnam and Tyler Luken (Summer Staff)



Event	Date & Time	Location
Forest Grazing Workshop Big Lakes County	Postponed for Harvest Date/Time TBA	Triangle Hall High Prairie, AB
Cattle Market Evening	September 20 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Rycroft Ag Society Rycroft, AB
PCBFA AGM	November 25 2:30 PM	Location TBA Grande Prairie, AB
CultivateAg Annual Reception	November 25 4:30 PM	Location TBA Grande Prairie, AB
Wintering Cattle Seminar	November 30 4:30 PM	Eureka River Hall Eureka River, AB

For more information on any of these events check out peacecountrybeef.ca/upcomingevents or contact info@pcbfa.ca or 780 834 7256

Thank You to Our Municipal Partners!



**NORTHERN SUNRISE
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Cattle Market Evening



THE ANNUAL PCBFA

CATTLE MARKET EVENING



SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
RYCROFT AG SOCIETY

Doors Open @ 4:30
Supper @ 6



Key Note Speaker
Brian Perillat

Join us at our annual Cattle Market Evening to discuss all-things-cattle-marketing! Whether you're a new or seasoned cattle farmer, there's something for everyone at this event!

Tickets Available Online
Pre Registry Preferred

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In today's world, 62% of the global population source their news and information from an Internet based publication or social media platform. As we look forward to ways to **#GoGreen** and reduce our footprint, we are exploring the best practices to get our information to producers in an efficient and effective way.

Scan the QR Code below with the camera on your Smart Phone to take our short survey to help us better serve you!



On-Farm Funding Opportunities:

OFCAF Program on Hold

As of May 10th the OFCAF program will be on pause.

Intake is expected to resume on August 15th 2023.

The SCAP Program is Open!

If you're still interested in applying for funding this spring, the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership and Resilient Agricultural Landscapes Programs are open. These two programs are the successors of the CAP and Growing Forward Programs and will require an active EFP to receive funding.

Some of the activities funded are: Cross Fencing, Offsite Watering Systems, Converting Cropland to perennial pasture, Farm technology (soil sensors etc), and shelter belts.

More information and full funding lists can be found at:

<https://www.alberta.ca/sustainable-cap-programs.aspx>

Interested in becoming a PCBFA Director?

PCBFA is a producer-led charity dedicated to moving forward the agriculture industry in the Peace – by enhancing its environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Our board of directors represent the voices of the producers from across the Peace Region and work together to develop long-term strategy, direction, and goals for the association.

Director Responsibilities

Directors are expected to attend as many board meetings as possible. We meet monthly, with a target of 8 meetings per year occurring over Zoom, and 4 meetings per year in person. Directors are expected to attend the Annual General Meeting. Directors are encouraged to host a PCBFA Project or Event on their farm. Directors are also expected to represent PCBFA and advocate for PCBFA when needed.

Director Perks

Directors receive expense reimbursements for meeting costs, including mileage and meals. Directors also get expenses reimbursed for agriculture-related training and conferences. Best of all, directors have the ability to influence the direction of PCBFA - you have a voice!

We would like to express our appreciation for your interest in serving as a director of our association. There are many exciting challenges ahead and we are grateful that you are willing to accept the responsibility of being a member of the board.

We serve an important mission and we believe that you will find serving on the board a rich and rewarding experience. Thank you for your interest in joining us!

If you are interested, please join us at our AGM on November 25, 2023 and have someone prepared to nominate you. If you are unable to attend, please send a letter expressing your willingness to let your name stand for nomination, either with someone attending the meeting or via e-mail executivedirector@pcbfa.ca



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Member Feed Testing Service

PCBFA Members receive 2 free basic feed tests with their membership.

All feed tests are sent to Central Testing Labs in Winnipeg. Nutrients and minerals are tested by wet chemistry.

Nitrate, Mold, and Mycotoxin tests can be added and will be invoiced at lab cost.

Feed Test Pricing:

Feed Tests for Members (after 2 free)

OR Non-Members

Billed at Lab Cost

Rush Shipping

\$50

Hay Probe Deposit

\$200

Feed Test Drop Off Sites:

Fairview Research Farm, County of Grande Prairie's Clairmont Office, MD of Greenview's Valleyview Office, Saddle Hills County Office, Big Lakes County Office.

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