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Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) for Invasive Plant Species Forage Seed Factsheet Produced

The Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC), the Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission (SFSDC) and industry partners have recently completed the first of five factsheets to be produced as part of the Invasive Plant Species Management Strategies project. This first factsheet is titled *Forage Seed: BMP's for Invasive Plant Species* and presents beneficial management practices (BMPs) for prevention and control of invasive plant species within the forage seed industry.

David Maxwell, SFSDC Chairperson and forage seed grower from Nipawin, SK notes “the information provided in this factsheet is pivotal in regards to the fight against invasive plants and their spread within the entire forage seed industry. The management practices outlined are practical and focused to benefit all stakeholders within the forage industry, from those that grow forage seed to those that purchase it.”

One of the goals of this project is to develop a series of educational documents that are new and innovative. Currently, there are a number of valuable resources available that deal with the control and prevention of specific individual invasive plant species. However, this first of a kind factsheet presents information and practices that forage seed growers can use to help safeguard against the introduction of invasive plant species that may potentially affect the land, the seed, and the grower in a negative way.

Saskatchewan Forage Council President and Biggar-area cow/calf producer, Leam Craig, adds, “this series of factsheets will take a look at the bigger picture and target it from a producer perspective, defining practical approaches to the control and prevention of invasive plant species. It is essential that all producers and land managers play a role in the fight against invasive plant species, and this *Forage Seed* factsheet will provide ideas to deal with very real and potential threats.”

Print copies of the *Forage Seed* factsheet are available by contacting the SFC or for download at www.saskforage.ca. Stay tuned for the release of additional factsheets that will deal with other sectors of the forage industry including, but not limited to grazing management and hay production.

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