

# HISTORY OF FORAGE ASSOCIATIONS IN ALBERTA

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**Doug Wray, Past-Chairs of Almost  
all of these**

# **1972 Foothills Forage Coop Association**

- **Grey Wooded Forage Association**
- **West Central Forage Association**
- **East Central Forage Association**
- **South Peace Forage Association**
- **Lakeland Forage Association**
- **Pembina Forage Association**
- **North Peace Forage Association**

# Applied Research Associations

- **Chinook Applied Research Associations**
- **Battle River Research Group**
- **Lakeland Applied Research Association**
- **Southern Applied Research Association**
- **Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association**
- **McKenzie Applied Research Association**

# **1980 Alberta Forage Institute**

- **9 Forage Associations**
- **Forage Industry Advisory Council**
- **1988 Alberta Forage Council**
- **1996 1st- Western Canadian Grazing Conference**

# **2003 Areca formed**

- **Agriculture Opportunity Fund**
- **Agriculture Environmentally Sustainable Association**
- **Capital dollars**
- **Crop Variety Trials**

# **Forage Quandary**

- **Year Round Grazing Project**
- **Grant seconded with Rural Extension Initiative funds**
- **Grazing Mentor Program**

# **2007-2009 Alberta Forage Industry Network**

- **2010 Canadian Forage and  
Grassland Association**

# Making a Difference

- Research
- Raised Profile of Forages
- We are an Environmental 
- We are leading the charge on the soil health movement