

Oat Production in Western Canada



The Status of Producer Check Off
Programs



2008 Outlook

- Prices around \$3.40 old crop/\$3.80 new crop
- Seeding intentions
- Canadian exports on pace for record
- Exports to non-traditional customers
- Old crop carry over
- Moisture conditions in western Canada



Producer Concerns

- Increasing prices for inputs:
 - Fertilizer and fuel
- Transportation costs
- Basis levels
- Government policies
- Machinery costs
- Land prices and rent
- CAD/USD exchange



Production Costs

<u>Input</u>		<u>Cost Per Acre</u>	
Land Rent		\$50.00	
Seed		\$32.00	
Fertilizer –	Nitrogen	\$38.00	
	Phosphate	\$44.00	+62%
Chemical -	Herbicide	\$11.50	
	Fungicide	\$ 7.50	
Fuel		\$22.40	+21%
Total		\$205.40	



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Progress on Check Offs

- Manitoba
- Saskatchewan
- Alberta





Producer Priorities for Check off Funds



- Market development
- Research
- Extension and Education
- Policy



POGA Initiatives 2008

- Check off implementation in Manitoba
- Check off implementation in Alberta
- Continue development of research funding criteria
- Transportation issues
- AAFC funding and staffing issues



POGA Initiatives 2008

- Producer education and extension effort
 - Oat Scoop newsletters
 - Continued development of website
 - Producer meetings
- Dialogue with industry participants



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Questions/Comments

