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Levy Central Takes on New Client

Saskatoon (November 23, 2017) - Levy Central, Canada's oldest and most trusted agricultural levy collection agency, is pleased to announce a partnership with the Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission (SASPDC), to undertake the administration of the SASPDC levy collection, effective on August 1, 2017.

SASPDC is a non-profit corporation established by alfalfa seed producers in 1972, to support alfalfa seed and alfalfa leafcutter bee production in Saskatchewan. The SASPDC works on research and extension initiatives in the areas of alfalfa seed production and alfalfa leafcutter bee management, and is actively engaged in the promotion of alfalfa as a forage crop throughout North America. The organization is also involved in the development of innovative agricultural policy initiatives through consultation with other producer organizations, and through communication with various levels of government and industry. They SASPDC works on behalf of almost 200 provincial alfalfa seed producers and 17 prairie buyers of quality alfalfa seed.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with the SASPDC", said Ann Smith, Levy Central Manager. "It is extremely gratifying when a producer group recognizes the value of a co-operative venture that was created by producers, is streamlined and efficient, and because of that design and original vision, focused on saving producer dollars. The addition of a new Levy Central client financially benefits not only the new client, but all of our current clients as well."

Guenette Bautz, SASPDC Administrator indicated that investigating a partnership with Levy Central made sense as it compliments the services that that the board and administrator are providing to the alfalfa industry "When our previous Levy Administrator decided to retire, our first thought was to contact Levy Central. It just makes administrative and financial sense to take advantage of a process that is already working so well for several other organizations similar to our own. In addition, because Levy Central is a non-profit entity that operates on a cost-recovery basis, we can be certain that we are getting experienced and affordable services."

Levy Central currently administers 14 levy collections for 13 producer organizations across Western Canada. During the 2016-2017 crop year, Levy Central collected $16,424,471 on behalf of their clients. This involved the co-operation of 597 commodity buyers and represented deliveries from 62,536 Western Canadian agricultural producers.

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