

**Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers
Development Commission
(SASPDC)**

***SASPDC Strategic Research & Development Priorities
May 2026***

1. Alfalfa leafcutting bee research

- a) Parasite control in alfalfa leafcutting bee populations
- b) Disease control in alfalfa leafcutting bee populations
- c) Parasite / disease monitoring in Saskatchewan alfalfa leafcutting bee populations
- d) Alfalfa leafcutting bee alternative crop pollination research
- e) Work to support development of alfalfa leafcutting bee biosecurity programs

2. Alfalfa seed production agronomy research

- a) Insect pest control in alfalfa seed production
- b) Disease control in alfalfa seed production
- c) Weed control in alfalfa seed production
- d) Minor use registration of crop protection products for alfalfa seed production
- e) Soil fertility in alfalfa seed production

3. Alfalfa crop development research

- a) Alfalfa breeding research / development of new alfalfa varieties
- b) Research on benefits of alfalfa in crop rotation
- c) Research on benefits of mixed alfalfa / sainfoin / grass stands
- d) Research on value of incorporating alfalfa in dairy cattle / beef cattle ration
- e) Research on value of alfalfa in carbon sequestration

Note: The strategic policy of the Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission (SASPDC) in providing research grants to collaborating research institutions (i.e. universities, provincial & federal agencies) stipulates that with all SASPDC research grants, a maximum of 10% of SASPDC funding granted is allowed for grant-related institutional administration costs.