

# Pro Groomer *Weedy Infields*

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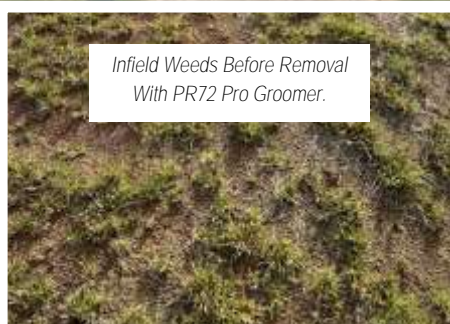


## *Severe Weeds on Infields. What to Do?*

There is no other groomer on the market that comes close to performing the task of controlling and removing weeds than the Pro Infield Groomer by Haying Company. The PR72 will take most of the hand work out of the job....although you will need to pick up piles of grass along edges.

*Pulling Weeds.* Customers often ask how to keep weeds out of their infields and warning tracks? Answer: Consistent grooming of infields with the Pro Infield Groomer PR72 will control weed growth and remove weeds. Neglected infields can experience fast weed growth (at times much faster than customers expect). When severe you kill the weeds with Roundup. And, it can be an advantage if the infield has some moisture in it when removing weeds. This case study we performed had numerous restrictions that made weeds very hard to remove. The only non-evasive tool to use for this available to customers is the PR72 Pro Groomer. Weeds are persistent. Save yourself a lot of grief and hard work by grooming periodically during the off season. This should be done throughout the remainder of the growing season. It will also keep the field smooth for surface drainage. There is no other magical solution to suppress, control, or remove weeds except the PR72 Pro Infield Groomer.

*Goal:* Remove Severe Weeds from Infield with no disturbance to underlying layers of Infield. Customer had **a thin top layer (approx. 1/2") infield material over solid clay. This thin top layer restriction meant other attachments *could not be used* to assist in loosening roots of weeds (such as the optional Chisel Scarifier for the Pro Groomer).** Multiple passes with only the 2-Bladed Leveler Implement removed these weeds.



## ***Pro Groomer Reduces Infield Repair & Prep Time***

***The Pro Groomer will pull weeds but it won't haul them away for you !***

*Use a Hoop Hoe (or Stirrup Hoe) for touch ups along grass edges.  
Use a multi tine fork to remove weeds as you sift material from them.*



A few weeds can be removed with a Hoe or by hand pulling; they are easier to pull by hand when the infield is wet. If the field has totally gotten away from you and it is full of weeds then consider killing the weeds with a non-selective herbicide such as Roundup. Scalp mow the dead weeds to minimize plant debris.



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*Have you ever tried to pull Spurge? Infield 60% covered.*

*Creeping Spurge and Prostrate Spurge are two common types.*

*Spurge is possibly the hardest and toughest weed to pull.*



*Spurge forms a low growing mat and is very tough. Once it's established and is allowed to seed out it's hard to suppress.*

*This infield was fixed using the PR72 Pro Groomer.*

Controlling weeds is not difficult if you have the Pro Infield Groomer. The 2-Bladed Leveler Implement controls weeds and removes them when they become severe. No other groomer comes close. Perfect Leveling, Weed and Puddle control, and much more. Levels and Smoothens Infields.



Our competitors would never even attempt this.

Their groomers cannot perform this task.

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### Weed Removal with PR72 Pro Groomer

**Know Your Infield Layers.** Infield layers are very important. If you damage the layers there is no way to get it back. The optional Chisel Scarifier might be of assistance when removing weeds but it must be used with Caution. If your top infield layer is shallow (not very deep) then you should never use any tool or implement that penetrates any deeper than the top layer. Plus, the top layer might not be a consistent depth all throughout the infield. **Spot check the depth all over the infield and only set the chisel to the shallowest depth you've found.** NEVER mix the layers!



**Dead Weeds or Still Growing?** Consider killing weeds first. At times dead weeds remove easier than those still growing. **Infield Moisture.** It's normally an advantage if the infield has some moisture in it for weed removal. If you've ever pulled weeds by hand you've probably discovered they pull a little easier when the dirt is wet.

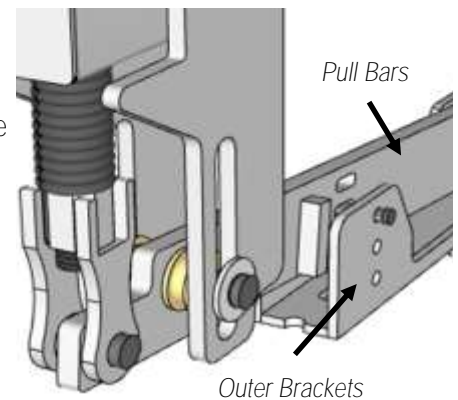
**Leveler Setting.** Normal leveler setting is for both blades to be pulling material evenly. But for weed removal you might find it more successful if the front blade is set lower than normal. In other words you can tip the front blade down to get slightly under the top of the surface and grab a little bit more of the roots of the weeds. How to do this? A few things to try.

1) Crank the front blade down with the height adjust screw lifts. But be careful to keep some usable threads in the each clevis.

2) Adjust Angle Adjust Pins of Leveler. If you if you feel you need an even more aggressive setting for the front blade you can adjust the angle adjust pins of the leveler. First make note of factory setting (top hole of outer brackets and middle hole of pull bars). Lower the front of the leveler by changing the angle adjust pins to the top hole of outer brackets and the top hole in the pull bars (or whichever setting you want to lower the front blade). This will put more pressure down on the **front blade during weed removal. Remember to return the pin to the factory setting when you're done** removing weeds.

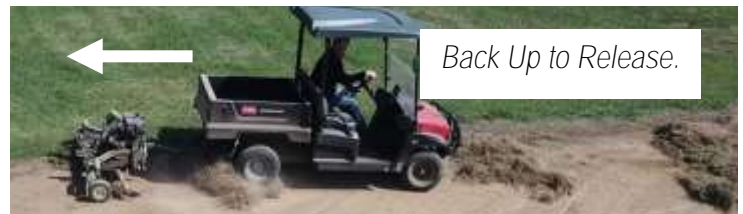
3) Raise the hitch at end of the tongue. This lowers the front blade. First make note of where the hitch is at before changing it. Then remove the 1/2 x 3 clevis pins and lower the hitch (this assumes you have holes left in the hitch side mates at end of tongue to make an adjustment).

Factory Setting



**Base Lines First.** Choose where you want to pile the weeds for removal later. Wherever you choose to leave piles - this area should be done first. Example: If you want weed piles left along first and third base lines then you should remove weeds there first. Remove weeds along both base lines and pull the piles into **other areas of infield. When you're confident you have weeds removed in these areas then use the groomer to pull the piles along the base line.** Drag other piles here as you progress with weed removal.

**Emptying the Weeds From Leveler.** When weeds are severe the Leveler will fill quickly with weeds. Sometimes it will have so many weeds in it you can raise the leveler and still not release the weeds if you drive forward. So, if the leveler has a lot of weeds it might work best to stop, raise the leveler, then back up over the pile **you've left.**



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Remove the Rear Broom. The rear finishing broom is useful when grooming but is of no advantage when removing stubborn weeds. You can remove it and set aside until later grooming.

Make Short Runs. Since the leveler could fill quickly with weeds you might need to start in the second base area and head towards first or third base. Circles might work also. Experiment with **patterns**. **There isn't necessarily a right or wrong pattern to use when pulling weeds.** Circles of 40 ft. diameter or so might work. Straight pulls from second towards the base lines might work.

Make Several Passes. **When weeds are severe it's likely you will need to make several passes** over the infield for full removal.

Short-Stubborn Roots Might Remain. When weeds have been allowed to establish themselves and grow they are very tough and the roots can be large. After a few passes with the groomer to remove weeds the top portion of the infield will be loosened and **it's possible some short stubborn roots will remain.** **When you've removed the vast majority of weeds you might leave the last stubborn short roots** for another day. You will have already loosened the top portion of the infield. The last short roots can be removed after a rain firms up the infield material and consistent grooming should eventually remove the last roots.

Cleanup Along Edges. Be careful not to pull infield material into your grass. If you are unable to get close enough along grass edges with the Pro Groomer then consider a Hoop Hoe, or Stirrup Hoe. This is a good tool to always have around your ball fields for weed removal along grass edges.

*Hoop Hoe (or Stirrup Hoe) for touch ups along grass edges.  
Multi Tine Fork to sift and remove weeds.*

Hauling Weeds. **A multi tine fork will be your friend when it's time to haul** weeds away. It is likely your weed piles will have infield material mixed in with them. Grab some weeds with the fork and attempt to sift the infield material out, then throw in dump bed or on a trailer to haul away.

Final Finishing Passes. Once weeds removed set the leveler back to factory settings and install the rear finishing broom. Groom the entire infield to return it back to level and smooth.

**After weed removal it's likely the infield will be loosened on top (maybe more than normal).** Now it's time for mother nature to help the infield. Wait until after a rain. Rain will help return the infield back to it's more compacted form. Then groom entire infield.



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