

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	Mexico Trade Mission	
Location	Guadalajara, Saltillo and Mexico City, Mexico	
Date(s)	October 15 – 22, 2022	
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture Brady Peter, Chief of Staff to Minister Marit Rick Burton, Deputy Minister, Agriculture	
Purpose of Travel	To promote Saskatchewan as a supplier of agricultural products, reinforce relationships with buyers, profile investment opportunities and work with the United States and Mexico on market access issues and areas of mutual interest in the agriculture and food industries	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$9,743.97
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$1,857.61
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$3,736.55
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$1,165.39
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$190.00
Subtotal		\$16,693.52
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$168.26
Subtotal		\$168.26
TOTAL		\$16,861.78

Overview of Travel and Objectives

In 2022, for the first time in provincial history, Saskatchewan's trade to Mexico has exceeded \$1 billion. Key agricultural exports include canola products such as seed, oil and meal, as well as non-durum wheat, malt, lentils and livestock genetics.

Mission objectives included:

- Promoting Saskatchewan as a committed and reliable supplier of safe, high-quality, and the most sustainably produced agricultural products in the world;
- Reinforcing established relationships with key buyers of agricultural commodities;
- Profiling investment opportunities in Saskatchewan's value-added sector; and
- Working with United States (U.S.) and Mexican States on market access issues and areas of mutual interest for our agriculture and food industries, such as foreign animal disease outbreaks, and the exceptional sustainability of our agriculture production.

Travel Activity

While in Guadalajara, Saltillo and Mexico City, the Minister met with:

- Senior executives from five large oilseed and grain companies:
 - AGYDSA
 - Industrial de Oleaginosas/Oleofinos
 - Grupo Bimbo
 - Grupo Trimex
 - Grupo Vida
- The National Confederation of Livestock Organization (CNOG)
- The National Association of Edible Oils and Butter Industrialist (AMIAME)
- The Ambassador of Canada to Mexico and the Consul General of Canada in Guadalajara
- The Secretary of Rural Development of the State of Coahuila.

The Minister also attended the following events:

- The Tri-National Agricultural Accord, which brings together elected agricultural leaders and senior officials from Canadian provinces and U.S. and Mexican states;
- National Agricultural Council Investor Roundtable;
- Saskatchewan Reception, hosted by the Canada Mexico Chamber of Commerce (Cancham); and
- 40th Anniversary of Cancham.