

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Agriculture
Title of Travel	Mission to Mexico
Location	Mexico City
Date(s)	September 25–29, 2023
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture James Cherewyk, Chief of Staff to Minister Marit, Agriculture Kevin France, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and Export Development
Purpose of Travel	To advance Saskatchewan's (SK's) trade and investment interests with Mexico and explore opportunities for talent attraction
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$ 4,243.83
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$67.35
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)	\$ 4,055.76
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$ 1,208.65
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)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$ 9,575.59
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)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,575.59

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Mexico is a priority market for SK exports, particularly SK agri-food products. In 2022, SK exports to Mexico exceeded over C\$1 billion (B) for the first time in provincial history. Key exports included canola seed, canola oil, non-durum wheat, malt and canary seed. In 2022, SK was Mexico's largest supplier of canola seed.

There are opportunities to expand SK's relationship with Mexico in areas including energy, mining and labour recruitment.

Mission objectives included:

- promoting the SK-Mexico trade relationship and exploring opportunities to expand SK exports to Mexico by underscoring SK strengths in agriculture, agri-value, mining, innovation and energy;
- reinforcing SK's position as a global leader in the agriculture, agri-value and mining sectors and showcasing the province's capabilities as a trusted partner in food and energy security;
- exploring potential areas for innovation collaboration in areas such as agriculture and mining;
- highlighting investment opportunities in the province for Mexican companies; and,
- promoting SK as a location for talent attraction and exploring opportunities to recruit workers from Mexico.

Travel Activity

While in Mexico City, Minister Marit met with officials from the Mexican government and representatives of Mexican industries including:

- the Federal Ministry for Labour (STPS), National Employment Service;
- National Chamber of the Wheat Milling Industry in Mexico (CANIMOLT);
- National Association for Oil and Butter Industries in Mexico (ANIAME);
- National Confederation of Livestock Organizations in Mexico (CNOG);
- Grupo Bimbo;
- La Corona;
- Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC);
- Mining Task Force of Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Mexico Chapter (CanCham); and
- Grupo Peñoles; and
- Minera Autlán.

He also participated in:

- a networking event with Mexican agri-food companies and SK companies to showcase SK's capabilities in food security and highlight trade and business development opportunities in the province;
- the official opening of SK/Canada Pavilion in the Food Tech Summit and Expo to support SK companies that were in Mexico City attending the Food Tech Summit;

- a roundtable with Canadian trade commissioners with responsibility for the agriculture portfolio in Mexico, Chile and Columbia to discuss opportunities to grow SK agricultural exports to the region; and
- a working breakfast with Cancham and its member companies to showcase SK's leadership in agriculture, energy, mining and innovation and highlight opportunities for collaboration with the province.