

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel and Expenses
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Agriculture
Title of Travel	National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Winter Policy Conference
Location	Washington D.C., United States (U.S.)
Date(s)	February 23-27, 2025
Participants	Honourable Daryl Harrison, Minister of Agriculture William Greuel, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Jean-Michel Ferre, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison
Purpose of Travel	Attend the NASDA conference to reinforce relationships with U.S. State Secretaries/Commissioners/Directors of Agriculture from key states as well as with Canadian and U.S. industry representatives in attendance. Engagement with U.S. counterparts to share the importance of free and fair trade for agriculture on both sides of the border is needed given the threat of tariffs by the new U.S. federal administration and the upcoming review of the United States-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA). It is also an opportunity to connect with U.S. partners and allies on other issues facing the agriculture sector, including other trade issues.
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$3,634.72
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)	\$234.17
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)	\$7,603.89
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$362.38
Conference & Registration Fees	\$2,616.55
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)	\$200.00
Subtotal	\$14,651.71
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)	\$2,217.23
Subtotal	\$2,217.23
TOTAL	\$16,868.94

Overview of Travel and Objectives

- Saskatchewan's (SK) objectives of the mission were:
 - To engage with United States (U.S.) state governments and industry stakeholders on the importance of free and fair trade for the U.S. agriculture industry and how trade with SK/Canada benefits the U.S. overall. Benefits include supporting U.S. jobs, keeping food cost lower for U.S. consumers, and enhancing competitiveness for U.S. producers;
 - Express concern over potential tariffs and the impact they would have on farmers, ranchers, processors and consumers on both sides of the border; and
 - Elevate SK's profile with our major trading partner and build relationships with U.S. states and industry.

Travel Activity

- Attend the U.S. National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Winter Policy conference to reinforce relationships with key states as well Canadian and U.S. industry representatives.
- The delegation met with U.S. State Secretaries/Commissioners/Directors of Agriculture of Ohio, Nebraska, Montana, Washington State, Minnesota, and Indiana. The delegation also met with the CEO of NASDA and Canadian and U.S. industry organizations including the Canadian Pork Council, U.S. National Pork Producers Council, Canola Council of Canada, CropLife Canada, and the Canadian Cattle Association.
- Minister Harrison also provided speaking remarks during NASDA's International Trade and Marketing Committee to advocate for the importance of free and fair trade for agriculture on both sides of the border, given the threat of tariffs by the new U.S. federal administration and the upcoming review of the United States-Canada-Mexico Agreement.