

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

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	U.S. Midwestern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (MASDA) Regional Meeting	
Location	Medora, North Dakota, United States	
Date(s)	June 29-July 2, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Daryl Harrison, Minister of Agriculture Jean-Michel Ferre, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison Jayme Gramlich, Director of Trade Policy, Ministry of Agriculture	
Purpose of Travel	Attend the Midwestern Association of State Departments of Agriculture Regional Meeting to reinforce relationships with U.S. State Secretaries/Directors/Commissioners of Agriculture from key Midwestern states. To build on connections made at the NASDA Winter Policy Conference and identify opportunities to collaborate.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$0.00
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$609.44
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$4,068.92
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$156.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$425.69
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		\$5,460.05
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		\$5,460.05

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Mission objectives included:

Elevate Saskatchewan's (SK) profile with the province's major trading partner and build relationships with United States (U.S.) state-level counterparts and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) organization.

Highlight the benefit of U.S.-Canada trade for U.S. agriculture and food and profile SK's role in supporting U.S. agricultural production, U.S. jobs, and food security.

Engage with U.S. states on areas of common interest and shared concerns.

Gather intel about U.S. state priorities and positions on agriculture and trade.

Travel Activity

MASDA states include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The host of the MASDA meeting, North Dakota's Commissioner of Agriculture, Doug Goehring, introduced Minister Harrison as a special guest along with the North Dakota's Governor Kelly Armstrong.

Minister Harrison met with Commissioner Goehring. In addition to informal networking with industry and state government leaders and staff, Minister Harrison also met bilaterally with:

- Ted McKinney, NASDA CEO
- Texas Commissioner Sid Miller
- North Dakota's Federal Congressional Representative, Julie Fedorchak
- Missouri Deputy Director, Chris Klenklen
- Wisconsin Secretary, Randy Romanski
- Oklahoma Secretary, Blayne Arther
- Iowa Secretary, Mike Naig
- South Dakota Secretary, Hunter Roberts
- Illinois Director, Jerry Costello
- Minnesota Commissioner, Thom Petersen
- Kansas Secretary, Mike Beam

The MASDA meeting agenda featured panel sessions on energy and agriculture, including renewable fuels and grasslands policy. Tours included a gas plant, corridor site, and rail facility, as well as a tour of North Dakota grasslands. The intent for was for jurisdictions in the region to learn from one another's experience in agriculture and energy policy.

MASDA states engaged in a roundtable on recent developments or challenges in their sector and received policy updates from NASDA on U.S. federal policy developments during the business meeting portion of the agenda. There was also an update from Food Export Midwest on their programs and plans to support companies in the U.S. Midwest entering international markets.

Minister Harrison gave remarks at MASDA's business meeting on July 2, highlighting common opportunities and challenges across the Midwest region, including in SK and western Canada.