

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

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	2026 National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Winter Policy Conference	
Location	Washington D.C., United States (U.S.)	
Date(s)	February 1-5, 2026	
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture Amy Standish, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture Jean-Michel Ferre, Chief of Staff to Minister Marit	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the NASDA Winter Policy Conference to reinforce relationships with U.S. State Secretaries/Directors/Commissioners of Agriculture across the U.S.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,742.49
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$171.83
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$6,154.61
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$1,590.57
Conference & Registration Fees		\$3,523.30
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$120.00
Subtotal		\$15,302.80
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		\$15,302.80

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Saskatchewan's objectives of the mission were:

- To reinforce relationships with U.S. State Secretaries/Directors/Commissioners of Agriculture and build on connections made at the June 2025 Midwestern Association of State Departments of Agriculture Regional Meeting in Medora, North Dakota and the Tri-National Accord in Mexico.
- Elevate Saskatchewan's profile with our major trading partner.
- Identify opportunities to collaborate with states and communicate the importance of two-way trade for the U.S. agriculture industry, how trade with Saskatchewan supports U.S. jobs, U.S. border crossing collaboration, animal disease preparedness, and other areas of common interest in agriculture policy and trade.
- Emphasize the importance of trade with Canada to U.S. states and industry in advance of the 2026 Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) review.

Travel Activity

- The delegation attended 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.
- Objectives of the trip included building on connections made at the June 2025 Midwestern Association of State Departments of Agriculture Regional Meeting in Medora, North Dakota and the Tri-National Accord in Mexico and identifying opportunities to collaborate with states.
- The mission also included one-on-one meetings with U.S. states and with industry organizations. With the trade uncertainty from the Trump administration and the upcoming 2026 Canada-US-Mexico Agreement Review, advocacy with U.S. states and industry is important. Objectives include communicating the importance of two-way trade for the U.S. agriculture industry, how trade with Saskatchewan supports U.S. jobs, U.S. border crossing collaboration, animal disease preparedness, and other areas of common interest in agriculture policy and trade.
- The delegation met with U.S. State Secretaries/Commissioners/Directors of Agriculture of Montana, Kansas, Iowa, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri, and Minnesota. The delegation also met with the CEO of NASDA and Canadian and U.S. industry organizations including the Fertilizer Institute, Corn Refiners Association, U.S. National Pork Producers Council, Canola Council of Canada, and Sask Oilseeds.
- Minister Marit also provided speaking remarks during NASDA's International Trade and Marketing Committee to advocate for the importance of agricultural trade on both sides of the border and the strong, collaborative relationships that states and provinces must maintain.