

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

Ministry	Agriculture
Title of Travel	United States Trade Mission
Location	Denver, CO and Minneapolis, MN, U.S.A.
Date(s)	June 12-17, 2022
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture Grant McLellan, Chief of Staff to Minister Marit James Kettel, Executive Director, Trade and Value Added Branch, Agriculture
Purpose of Travel	To strengthen relationships with key stakeholders and buyers of agricultural commodities
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$5,550.14
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains and buses)	\$1,022.82
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)	\$3,963.00
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$1,274.11
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)	\$360.44
Subtotal	\$12,170.51
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)	\$2,212.86
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$466.08
Subtotal	\$2,678.94
TOTAL	\$14,849.45

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The United States was Saskatchewan's largest agri-food export market in 2021, with sales of \$4.3 billion. Key agricultural exports include canola products, oats, non-durum wheat, live cattle and peas. Saskatchewan exported over \$354 million to Colorado and Minnesota in 2021.

This was Minister Marit's first official trade mission to the United States. Mission objectives included:

- Promoting Saskatchewan as a committed and reliable supplier of safe, high-quality agricultural products;
- Reinforcing and continuing to strengthen established relationships with key stakeholders and buyers of agricultural commodities;
- Promoting investment and expanding relationships with long-standing partners in the United States;
- Profiling Saskatchewan's research industry and innovation capabilities and collaborative opportunities in the province's value-added sector; and,
- Discussing and working together on matters and areas of mutual interest for our agriculture and food industries, such as the importance of trade with the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

Travel Activity

While in Colorado and Minnesota, the Minister met with:

- The Consul General of Canada in Denver and the Consul General of Canada in Minneapolis;
- The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture;
- The Chancellor of Colorado State University;
- Senior representatives from the Colorado Farm Bureau;
- Senior executives from grain, oilseed, pulse, and plant-based protein companies looking to do business in Saskatchewan;
- A global ingredient/plant equipment manufacturer;
- A global food processing company; and
- Key representatives from the livestock sector including: Minnesota Cattlemen's Association and Minnesota Beef Council.

The Minister also attended the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention and provided remarks to key cattle stakeholders at the Ranching Legacy Symposium.