

Canadian Dairy Commission

Annual Report on Travel, Hospitality and Conferences Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

As required by the Treasury Board *Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures*, this report provides information on the travel, hospitality and conference expenditures for the Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2024.

Travel, hospitality and conference expenditures incurred by a federal department or agency relate to activities that support the department or agency's mandate and the government's priorities.

The CDC's mandate, as set out in the *Canadian Dairy Commission Act*, is to provide efficient producers of milk and cream with the opportunity of obtaining a fair return for their labour and investment and to provide consumers of dairy products with a continuous and adequate supply of dairy products. To pursue its mandate, the CDC must build relationships and work with provincial governments and dairy industry stakeholders such as dairy producers, processors, further processors and consumers, as well as with certain international stakeholders working in the dairy industry.

The CDC's travel, hospitality and conference expenditures support the development and coordination of federal and provincial dairy policies and programs such as the Special Milk Class Permit Program, the Dairy Innovation Program, the Dairy Marketing Program and the Milk Access for Growth Program.

Detailed information on the CDC's programs and activities can be found in the Annual Report.

Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences of the Canadian Dairy Commission

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the Year Ending July 31, 2024 (\$000)	Expenditures for the Year Ending July 31, 2023 (\$000)	Change (\$000)
Travel: Operational activities	\$ 219	\$ 208	\$ 11
Travel: Key stakeholders	\$ 73	\$ 46	\$ 27
Travel: Internal governance	\$ 17	\$ 13	\$ 4
Travel: Training	\$ 6	\$ 10	-\$ 4
Travel: Other	\$ 7	\$ 4	\$ 3
Total Travel	\$ 322	\$ 281	\$ 41
Hospitality	\$ 53	\$ 61	-\$ 8
Conference Fees	\$ 21	\$ 14	\$ 7
Total	\$ 396	\$ 356	\$ 40
International Travel by Minister and Minister's Staff *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

* The CDC reports to Parliament through the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, whose travel expenses are included in Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences.

Significant variances compared with previous fiscal year

Travel:

The increase is mostly explained by a general increase in airfare costs as well as an increase in travel to attend conferences in order to build relationships and work with key stakeholders in Canada, the United States, and Europe.

Hospitality:

Hospitality expenditures have not varied significantly.

Conference fees:

The increase is due to an increased attendance and participation in conferences in order to build relationships and work with key stakeholders in Canada, the United States, and Europe.