U.S. Department of Agriculture
FY 2023 Conference Report
As required by the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum 17-08

CONFERENCE NAME	AGENCY PROVIDING SPONSORSHIP FUNDS	TOTAL USDA EXPENSES	CITY	STATE/ COUNTRY	START DATE	END DATE	EXPLANATION OF MISSION IMPACT	PARTICIPANTS
Agricultural Outlook Forum	OCE	$341,143.74	Arlington	VA	2/23/2023	2/24/2023	The Agricultural Outlook Forum provided a unique opportunity for the Department to communicate directly with stakeholders about major issues in agriculture and rural America. It was an opportunity for senior USDA leadership (Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief Economist, and others) to speak about the Department's plans for the coming year and for stakeholders to learn about the full breadth of the Department's work.	5,308
Gulfood Trade Show	FAS	$349,168.00	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	2/20/2023	2/24/2023	USDA endorses and supports the U.S. pavilions at major international trade shows around the world, including Gulfood, which is the largest annual food and beverage sourcing event with over 100 U.S. exhibitors.	20
Leadership Conference	NRCS	$130,297.00	Des Moines	IA	8/6/2023	8/9/2023	The conference provided state-of-the-art training information exchange and technology transfer in all disciplines related to the agency's work, and supported USDA's scientific integrity policy. This year's conference theme offered unique opportunities to showcase cutting-edge research and practice developments in soil health, water quality, and resource management through the usual eight general conservation topic areas and three special topic areas of at the intersection of agriculture and conservation, climate-smart agriculture, and on the frontier of conservation in the west.	80
National Native Seed Conference	FS	$107,809.00	Alexandria	VA	3/27/2023	3/30/2023	The conference connected research, industry, land management, and restoration professionals in the science, practice, and policy of producing and effectively using native seed. It also facilitated face-to-face collaboration and learning, which is critical to implementing the National Revegetation Effort of the Infrastructure and Jobs Act.	39
National Veterinary Services Laboratories African Swine Fever Exercise	APHIS	$276,844.00	Manhattan	KS	6/12/2023	6/15/2023	This event was conducted to prepare APHIS, states and National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratories to respond to potential African swine fever outbreaks in the region. It involved the participation of various stakeholders, including laboratorians from 62 NAHLN laboratories nationwide as well as APHIS and state animal health officials to ensure that the response is well-coordinated and effective. This could not be conducted while the facility is fully operational due to bio-safety and security concerns. It was scheduled to take place prior to the official opening of the laboratory to allow for broad participation.	147
Retailer Operations and Compliance All Staff Meeting	FNS	$322,761.45	Rosemont	IL	8/14/2023	8/18/2023	The meeting was conducted to discuss Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 achievements, FY 2024 strategic goals, and enhancements to processes for efficiency and effectiveness in day-to-day operations within the Office of Retailer Operations and Compliance.	153
Society for Range Management Annual Meeting	NRCS	$532,847.00	Boise	ID	2/12/2023	2/16/2023	The 2023 meeting offered important symposia, forums, and workshops for professionals in natural resource planning and management to gain information and skills relevant to their work. The sessions also provided the professional development and continuing education credits that are important in maintaining professional certification. Additionally, the meeting provided valuable opportunities for agency employees to network with land managers, scientists, educators, students, conservationists, and other professionals engaged in the use and conservation of rangeland resources.	328

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State Director Conference	RD	$336,475.00	Washington	DC	10/17/2022	10/21/2022	The Office of the Secretary and Rural Development Under Secretary supported training and engagement for state directors to implement business goals and objectives to support the achievement of Rural Development's strategic goals/initiatives/mission to include: (1) work efficiently, effectively, with integrity and customer focus; and (2) increase rural prosperity. The purpose of this conference was to celebrate 2022 accomplishments, engage in conversation about how to achieve the goals of Rural Development in the upcoming fiscal year, and provide opportunities for education and networking. The conference supported the Department's strategic goal to ensure USDA programs are delivered efficiently, effectively, and with integrity and a focus on customer service.	144
To Bridge a Gap Conference	FS	$106,361.00	Quapaw	OK	3/6/2023	3/9/2023	The meeting brought together consulting officials, top agency officials and their designees with official leadership of federally recognized Tribes. It included shared learning and relationship building between Tribal Nations and agency staff, which helped the agency meet its trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribes. Furthermore, the annual meeting helps Tribes have full access to Departmental programs (Departmental Regulation 1350-002, Tribal Consultation and Collaboration, Section 1, also 8, c.(1)(c) and other authorities cited in FSM 1563.01c and further elaborated in FSM 1563.8c - Consultation with Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations).	42
Total		$2,503,706.19						6,261

Agencies:
APHIS - Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service
FAS - Foreign Agricultural Service
FNS - Food and Nutrition Service
FS - Forest Service
NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service
OCE - Office of the Chief Economist
RD - Rural Development
USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture