

U.S. Department of Agriculture
FY 2024 Conference Report
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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	\$357,110.74	Arlington	VA	2/15/2024	2/16/2024	The Agricultural Outlook Forum provides a unique opportunity for the Department to communicate directly with stakeholders about major issues in agriculture and rural America. It is 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.	2,125
Farm Programs Multi Programs Training	FSA	\$125,250.00	Atlanta	IN	9/3/2024	9/5/2024	National training to state leads on appeals, payment limitation/payment eligibility, administration, receipt for service, kiosks total training, Conservation/Compliance/Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Relief Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm Raised Fish, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, and Livestock Indemnity Program.	304
Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences National Conference	APHIS	\$108,935.23	Chicago	IL	3/20/2024	3/24/2024	The Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) promotes academic and professional advancement for minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. It supports endeavors that foster and promote the agricultural sciences and related fields in a positive manner among ethnic minorities. MANRRS provides networks to support professional development of minorities and is a springboard for their entry into and advancement in careers where they otherwise could be lost in the sheer number and established connections of mainstream participants.	46
National Restaurant Association Show Conference	FAS	\$419,527.00	Chicago	IL	5/18/2024	5/21/2024	The National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show is the must-attend event for every member of the restaurant and foodservice industry-. As the world's most influential showcase of foodservice innovation and inspiration, it is where every trend, solution and category are represented to connect participants with the people and products needed to thrive in today's businessenvironment. USDA sent agency staff to support close to 50 African import businesses participants in connecting with U.S. exporters at the NRA Show.	56
Rural Development Program Training	RD	\$129,726.00	Santa Fe	NM	6/24/2024	6/28/2024	The training equipped Rural Partners Network (RPN) staff and leadership with core skills and knowledge necessary to their roles under RPN but most importantly, a space for peer learning and sharing of best practices. RPN staff are currently establishing fundamental skill sets which can equip them to provide various types of support and assistance, including federal resource navigation and related technical assistance and capacity building, community economic development planning and support, and inclusive engagement and participation of all rural community voices.	85
Society for Range Management Annual Meeting	FS	\$421,067.00	Sparks	NV	1/28/2024	2/1/2024	The International Society for Range Management is the professional scientific society and conservation organization whose members study, conserve, manage and sustain the varied resources of the rangelands which include prairie, shublands, woodlands, and savannahs, which cover nearly half the land on earth. Participation in the conference exposes agency employees to current information on research and technology in rangeland management. In addition to the training and acquisition of skills and knowledge, agency staff participate in and provide information to this national professional society by developing policy position statements about natural resource management issues.	232
Society of American Foresters Annual Convention	FS	\$386,141.00	Sacramento	CA	10/25/2023	10/28/2023	The annual convention features plenary sessions held on a variety of forestry-related topics. The theme, "Forestry: It's in Our DNA," referenced both the proud legacy of forestry and the ongoing challenges and opportunities that foresters and natural resources professionals face. Forestry and what it means to be a forester is multi-faceted with many backgrounds, disciplines, and experiences shaping the profession's past, present, and future. The convention brought together novel science and on-the-ground management techniques, while focusing on how to better communicate passion to the public and building a community that can tackle impacts from a changing climate.	189

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Society of American Foresters National Convention	FS	\$186,967.00	Loveland	CO	9/17/2024	9/20/2024	The convention provided an opportunity for FS employees to gain insight into innovative solutions for forest management, leadership development, and more. The event presented state of the art technical training with an assortment of concurrent sessions, field tours and exhibits that displayed the latest science and research created to improve forest management. The technical training and exhibits allowed FS employees to acquire additional knowledge, expertise, and leadership skills needed to support sound, viable, and defensible analysis that support decisions that are in compliance with the agency's mission and the Department's strategic plan. The exposure and networking acquired with peers, special interest groups, and external partners were invaluable and one of the most efficient and effective modes for acquiring the needed skills, such as leadership, best practices, and collaboration, in a neutral setting.	64
Southern Regional Cooperative Soil Survey Conference	NRCS	\$113,420.00	Lafayette	LA	5/20/2024	5/24/2024	The National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) is a nationwide partnership of federal, regional, state, and local agencies and private entities and institutions. The NCSS regional conferences bring together representatives of the NCSS biannually to discuss technical and scientific recommendations and provide training to participants. The conferences are also a clearinghouse for ideas and proposals received from individual members and state conferences for transmitting to the NCSS national conference.	72
The Wildlife Society Conference	FS	\$197,511.00	Louisville	KY	11/5/2023	11/9/2023	The Wildlife Society's mission is to empower wildlife professionals to advance conservation through science, community, and professional excellence." The Wildlife Society enhances its members' networking and learning opportunities, professional and career development, and provides numerous ways for them to get more involved in creating a better future for wildlife and their habitats. Each year, it takes action on and tracks progress of each of the goals, objectives, and strategies identified for each mission-driven priority in the strategic plan. Priority tactics aligned with each set of strategies will be developed into annual operations plans, along with performance metrics, staff resources, and budgets needed to achieve results.	88
Trade Show Anuga	FAS	\$333,499.00	Cologne	Germany	10/7/2023	10/11/2023	Anuga is one of the largest food and beverage industry trade events in the world. The unique trade fair concept of Anuga represents the diversity of the food industry spread over 10 trade shows in one. Anuga not only provides a platform for networking but also offers profound insights into the pioneering developments of the industry. The congress and event program present a diverse range of conferences, workshops, experience areas, and speaker sessions. Key industry concerns are addressed, while innovations are showcased and discussed. The agency participation represented operational program support to the USA pavilion where over 150 U.S. companies exhibited.	24
Trade Show Gulfood	FAS	\$399,337.00	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	2/19/2024	2/23/2024	Gulfood is the largest food and beverage show in the Middle East. It is opportunity for the global food and beverage industry – from retailers, food suppliers, and distributors, to wholesalers, chefs, thought leaders, and beyond – to network with the leading brands, discover the latest products, connect with key industry players, and explore the innovations and trends shaping the future. Gulfood 2023 included over 5,000 exhibitors from 125 countries and 102,000 visitors from 191 countries. The agency participation represented operational program support to the USA Pavilion where over 170 U.S. companies exhibited.	170
Total		\$3,178,490.97						3,455

Agencies:

Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service
Foreign Agricultural Service
Forest Service
FSA - Farm Service Agency
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Office of the Chief Economist

Rural Development
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