

United States Department of Agriculture

Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

Foreign Agricultural Service

1400 Independence Ave, SW Washington, DC 20250–1052 SUBJECT: List of Agricultural Trade Promotion (ATP) Program
Reimbursable International Trade Shows in the United States

TO: All ATP Participants

This program notice, effective immediately, contains the list of approved ATP eligible international trade shows held in the United States.

BACKGROUND: Participation in certain international trade exhibits and shows in the United States has proven to be a successful export market development activity. These venues allow U.S. exporters to showcase their products, meet and connect with buyers from all over the world, and expand their sales. In recognition of those benefits, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has determined that certain expenses from the participation in the shows listed in this notice are eligible for reimbursement through the ATP program.

GUIDANCE: As specified in 7 CFR 1489.17(b)(7), FAS will reimburse both brand and generic non–travel expenditures associated with retail, trade, and consumer exhibits and shows held inside the United States only when the show is included on the list of approved shows found in this program notice. However, expenses from approved shows are not eligible for reimbursement if the ATP Participant has used funds from a source other than ATP to participate in the show within the last three years.

Eligible non-travel expenditures include participation fees, booth construction, transportation of related materials, rental of space and equipment, and duplication of related printed materials.

This eligibility is further subject to 7 CFR 1489.17(b)(18), which specifies that, with limited exceptions, if USDA has sponsored or endorsed a U.S. pavilion at a retail, trade, or consumer exhibit or show in the United States, only those ATP Participants located within the U.S. pavilion may seek reimbursement for their non–travel expenditures.

FAS updates this list from time to time and adds or removes shows as needed. The following shows are the international trade exhibits and shows in the United States currently approved by FAS for reimbursement under the ATP program:

American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, Global Pet Expo

Americas Food and Beverage Show

BrewExpo America

Dairy-Deli-Bakery Show

Duty Free Show of the Americas

Food Marketing Institute, FMI Connect Show

IFT Food Expo

International Baking Industry Expo

International Builders' Show

International Flight Services Association Expo

International Floriculture Expo

International Home and Housewares Show

International Production and Processing Expo

Kosherfest

MAGIC International Sourcing Show

NASFT/Fancy Food Show–Summer

NASFT/Fancy Food Show–Winter

National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) Show

National Confectioners Association, All Candy Expo

National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show

Natural Products Exposition–East

Natural Products Exposition-West

NCA Sweets and Snacks Expo

Nightclub and Bar Trade Show

North American Veterinary Conference

Organic Trade Association, All Things Organic

Pet Food Forum

PMA Fresh Summit Convention and Expo

Private Label Manufacturers Association, Private Label Trade Show

Seafood Expo North America/Seafood Processing North America

Snack Food Association, SNAXPO

Southern Nursery Association, SEGreen

Specialty Coffee Association of America Annual Exposition

Surfaces

United Produce Show at FMI

USMEF Product Showcase

World Floral Expo

World Nut and Dried Fruit Congress

ATP Participants are encouraged to request consideration of eligible shows for inclusion on the list. To be eligible for consideration, a show must be:

- (1) A food or agricultural show where at least 30% of the exhibitors are selling food or agricultural products, and
- (2)An international show that targets buyers, distributors, and the like from more than one foreign country and where at least 15% of the attendees are from countries other than the United States.

ATP Participants interested in suggesting a show for consideration are encouraged to contact their FAS Marketing Specialist for guidance.

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