

Minister's Message

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Welcome to Saskatchewan – an energy and resource powerhouse that is poised to ensure global food and energy security for generations to come. As such, we are proud and honoured to host UPLift 2025.

Our province has a long history of being world leaders in mining and energy innovation. We're home to 27 critical minerals that make modern life possible. Beyond that, it's the abundance of these resources that put us on the map, and will keep our economy strong.

Our province is the world's largest potash producer and continues to see significant interest from around the globe as customers look to our province as an ethical, reliable and sustainable supplier of this key mineral for fertilizer. Saskatchewan's potash industry accounts for approximately one third of world production, while successfully producing it with 50 per cent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than our international competitors.

We are the second-largest global producer of uranium and have the largest high-grade deposits of uranium in the world. With uranium being an important fuel for low-emission energy, the province's industry is making a significant contribution to clean energy production around the world. In 2024 alone, uranium sales in the province reached \$2.6 billion – a new all-time high for the province. There is also strong interest in the future growth of the sector. With one uranium mine scheduled to resume production this year and two more projects awaiting final federal approvals, production is expected to increase significantly over the next several years.

When it comes to our lithium resources, ours can be sustainably extracted from subsurface mineral brine waters with a minimal environmental footprint, as demand for lithium increases globally. The first commercial scale lithium production in the province is expected to begin later this year.

Saskatchewan is proud to have a reputation that far exceeds its borders. According to the Fraser Institute's Annual Survey of Mining Companies, our province ranked first in Canada and seventh globally for mining investment attractiveness in 2024 due to our resource strength and a competitive business environment that provides regulatory certainty.

All of this, paired with the province's low taxes, utility rates and suite of incentives, make it one of the best places in the world to do business, and Saskatchewan is ready to partner with you.

As the global population grows, so does demand for food and energy security. Saskatchewan is the stable, reliable, and sustainable supplier you can count on. So, when you think uranium, potash and lithium, think Saskatchewan.

I hope you find your time at UPLift 2025, and in Saskatchewan, as rewarding as the endless opportunities our province has to offer.

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