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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150

2008**Open to Public
Inspection****A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning Sep 1, 2008, and ending Aug 31, 20 09**

- Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Termination
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization**Genesee County Farm Bureau**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

6020 West Pierson Rd.

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Flushing, MI 48433**D Employer identification number****38 1375283****E Telephone number****(810) 732-3770****F Group Exemption Number****N/A**• **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).****G Accounting method:** ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶**I Website:** ▶ **www.michfb.com/counties/index/25****H Check** ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**J Organization type** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (5) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K Check** ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ** ▶ \$ **300281****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)**

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	181735
	4	Investment income	4	7757
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ FBI Promotion/BCBS Services)	8	110789	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8. ▶	9	300281	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	3500
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	119125
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	775
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	34206
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	20362
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ Organization & Program Services)	16	95425
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16. ▶	17	273393
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	26888
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	266506
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	(9206)
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20. ▶	21	284188

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	172515	22 192459
23 Land and buildings	93257	23 91729
24 Other assets (describe ▶ Overpayment of Payroll Liabilities)	734	24 0
25 Total assets	266506	25 284188
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	266506	27 284188

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Expenses

(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

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28a

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(a) Name and address

(c) Compensation
(If not paid,
enter -0-.)

(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation

(e) Expense account and other allowances

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	✓	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	✓	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ N/A ; section 4912 ▶ N/A ; section 4955 ▶ N/A		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		N/A
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ N/A		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ N/A		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ <u>Michigan</u>		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ <u>Jennifer Griffin</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>(810) 732-3770</u> Located at ▶ <u>6020 W. Pierson Rd, Flushing, MI</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>48433</u>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ <u>N/A</u>		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ <u>N/A</u>		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

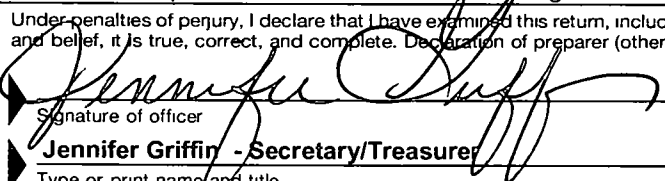
	Yes	No
46		✓
47		✓
48		✓
49a		✓
49b		✓
- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48** Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b** If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?
- 50** Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
N/A				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ►				

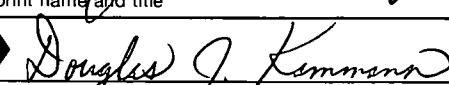
- 51** Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ►		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  Date 4/14/10

Signature of officer
Jennifer Griffin - Secretary/Treasurer
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only Preparer's signature  Date 3/01/10 Check if self-employed ☐

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 **Michigan Farm Bureau**
7373 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

EIN **38** : **1718391**
 Phone no **(517)** **323-7000**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

PURPOSE OF FARM BUREAU:

Farm Bureau is a free independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization of farm families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement and thereby promote national welfare. Farm Bureau is local, statewide, national and international in its scope and influence and is non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-secret in character.

Young Farmer Annual Re

Genesee County Farm Bureau
Form 990EZ, 2008
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Attachment#2
Part III, Page 2

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What a busy and productive year for the Young Farmers of Genesee (Young Farmers, in cooperation with the Promotion and Education Co bank for half of a Saturday sorting and organizing canned foods. It was

We attended a marketing meeting in mid February hosted by Bill Hunt. We were able to listen and be enlightened on grain markets, conservation topics and local farmer discussion. A couple young farmers continue to attend the monthly meetings regularly which are a great way to stay up on the market.

The National Farm Bureau Annual convention was held in New Orleans this year. Thanks to you we were able to have a great number attend from our county including, Phil and Tracy Jelinek, Ray and Heidi Birchmeier, and Kim and Teresa Fejes. We learned about local and world wide Ag news and developments. At the convention our guest speaker was General Colin Powell and WOW, what an amazing person and speaker he was! We made time to take a trolley and toured the hurricane Katrina devastation which remains.

Our district event was to tour Fair Oaks Dairy Farm in Indiana. Fair Oaks Farms is home to 30,000 dairy cows located on 10 separate dairy sites. To grow silage corn and alfalfa to feed these 30,000 cows, it takes approximately 17,000 acres, 1.7 Billion square feet or the equivalent of 56,000 football fields. Each cow is milked three times per day, and more than 80,000 milkings are performed daily, in this 24 hour, 365 day-a-year dairy farm that never shuts down. If you ever get a chance to tour their facility, it is worth the drive!

In August our Young Farmers competed in the District Discussion Meet held at the MSU pavilion. I would like to thank Chad Morey and Brett Morey for representing our county so well. The topics this year were: How can the aging infrastructure of the United States support the transportation of agricultural commodities in the future? AND How do land grant universities remain on the forefront of an ever-changing agricultural environment?

In August the statewide Young Farmer golf scramble was hosted at Centennial Acres golf course. Genesee County had a record eight Young Farmers including myself participate in the golf scramble. Special thanks to Kim Fejes, Heidi Birchmeier, Nancy Birchmeier, Brett Morey, Chad Morey, Matt Oecsh for participating.

We all are SO PROUD to announce Ray Birchmeier was the State winner for the Young Farmer Achievement Award. Ray went up against 3 other contestants in his category and took on tough and lengthy interviews with the judges. He was presented with an award at our state annual young farmer banquet dinner and given a year lease on a Kubota tractor. Later, we were able to see his Kubota tractor at the farmer appreciation breakfast at Alderman's in Lennon.

I would like to take the time to thank those who really support and aid in the success of the Young Farmer committee. Our CAM, Jennifer Griffin goes above and beyond the call of duty to organize, set up, and contact people for different events. She is so great to work with and huge assist to Farm Bureau for every committee. Thanks so much Jen! I would also like to thank Glenda Hunt for being so in depth with the articles she types up monthly for everyone but special thanks for the Young Farmer articles you put in the newsletter.

AND, last but never least, a huge thanks to my committee and the Young Farmers in Genesee County for their participation.

I look forward to future events, sharing ideas and meeting new Young Farmers in 2009! If you or someone you know is interested in joining the young farmer group, give me a call for more information! (810) 250-1063

Thank-You

Teresa Fejes - Young Farmer Committee Chair

Promotion & Education Committee Report

This year the Promotion & Education committee held our second annual Genesee County Farm Bureau Project R.E.D. (Rural Education Day) on April 15th. With around sixty volunteers we were able to host over six hundred students at the Birch Run Expo Center. The students traveled through twelve stations (swine, equine, crops, seed planting, craft, soil/ground water, dairy, poultry, snack/tractor, orchards, sheep and bees) and learned about the life cycles, animals and how their lives are touched by farmers.

We planned several Harvest for All activities to help out the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. One activity that we had was the 50/50 raffle at Vegas Night, which raised \$380.00 to be donated to the food bank. We also held a food drive contest for the schools attending Project R.E.D. The winner received a pizza gift certificate. Our committee also teamed up with the Young Farmer Committee and had a workday at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

National Agriculture Week was kicked off with a TV 12 mug shot, put together by Glenda Hunt. We also donated books that related to agriculture to local schools. We also held the Project R.E.D. food drive during this week.

Members of the Promotion and Education Committee attended a Project T.E.A.M. conference in Mt. Pleasant and helped out at the State annual Project R.E.D.

Our committee teamed up with the Young Farmer Committee and had a wonderful kid's day at the Genesee County Fair.

A special thank you goes out to Jennifer Griffin, the P&E committee and all the volunteers who made all the activities we did this year possible. If you would like to get involved with P&E, please call 810-638-2055.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Birchmeier, Chair

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of Nina Fejes, Ken Sheldon, Phil Jelinek, Teresa Block, Janice Stiles, Bill Hunt and myself, Glenda Hunt, Chair.

We would like to offer Congratulations to the following applicants on their achievement and future endeavors as they pursue a career in an agricultural field.

Ashley Parks
Thomas Jennings Memorial Scholarship Award
\$1,500.00

Rachel Schiefer
Kert Deneau
Matthew Swolsh
Genesee County Farm Bureau Scholarship Award
\$1,000.00

Applicants submitted their answers to agriculturally based questions, that were provided by Farm Bureau.

Applicants must also maintain an acceptable grade point average and provide proof of their grades and academic major.

Students are always surprised to learn that the list of Agricultural career opportunities continue to grow as agriculture continues to improve in genetics and technology.

This year myself and Young Farmer Chair; Teresa Fejes participated in a career fair where we talked to students about agricultural opportunities. Many students were interested and challenged us with some good questions. This also provided me the opportunity to encourage them to look to the Scholarship Program that Farm Bureau offers.

If you know of any student that may be interested in a Scholarship Application, please contact myself or the county office for details.

Best Wishes to our winners!

Glenda Hunt, Chair

LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES:

COLUMN (a) NAME AND ADDRESS	COLUMN (b) TITLE / AVG HOURS	COLUMN (c) COMPENSATION	COLUMN (d) BENEFITS	COLUMN (e) EXPENSES
PHIL JELINEK 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	PRESIDENT 2 HOURS	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BILL HUNT 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	VICE PRESIDENT 2 HOURS	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MIKE YANCHO 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	THIRD MEMBER 2 HOURS	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TERESA FEJES 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	YF CHAIR 1 HOUR	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NANCY BIRCHMEIER 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	DIRECTOR 1 HOUR	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MIKE FEJES 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	DIRECTOR 1 HOUR	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TERESA BLOCK 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	DIRECTOR 1 HOUR	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHAD MOREY 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	DIRECTOR 1 HOUR	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RAY BIRCHMEIER 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	DIRECTOR 1 HOUR	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RAY PORTER 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	DIRECTOR 1 HOUR	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JENNIFER GRIFFIN 6020 W PIERSON RD FLUSHING, MI 48433	SECRETARY/TREASURER 40 HOURS	\$42,242.00	\$17,226.00	\$0.00

GENESEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
FORM 990EZ 2008
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Attachment 7
Part I, Line 20

Line 20

Other changes in net assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adjustment to Retained Earnings (Remove Market Value Change)	\$9,206.00
Accounting Method is on a cash basis	

Total

\$9,206.00