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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under 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

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Inspection**A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning** **NOV 1, 2008** **and ending** **OCT 31, 2009**

B 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

Columbia County Farm Bureau

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

P.O. Box 1145

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

Magnolia, AR 71754

D Employer identification number

71-0331686

E Telephone number

870-234-1966

F Group Exemption Number

▶

• 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: ▶ N/A**H Check** ☒ if the organization is not**J Organization type** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (5) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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 ▶ \$ **120,414.****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	37,607.
	4	Investment income	4	2,000.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	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 ▶ See Statement 4)	8	80,807.	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	120,414.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	68,972.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	600.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	18,257.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,841.
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 1)	16	22,894.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	114,564.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	5,850.
	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	256,488.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	262,338.

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	73,030.	77,940.
23 Land and buildings	288,459.	280,675.
24 Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	1,319.	15.
25 Total assets	362,808.	358,630.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ See Statement 3)	106,320.	96,292.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	256,488.	262,338.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)**Expenses**What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Agricultural Promotion

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

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

28 County Farm Bureau work is general in nature, helping farm families achieve educational improvements, economic opportunity, and social advancement.(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **28a****29** _____(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **29a****30** _____(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **30a****31** Other program services (attach schedule)(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ **31a****32** Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **32****Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Burnie Sharp	President			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
David Wilson	Vice President			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Deborah Dooly	Secretary/Treasurer			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Lance Albin	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Roy Baskin	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Jimmy Bussey	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Charles Cross	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
John Gentry	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Joyce Hanson	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
J.L. Jean	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Bruce Maloch	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Elwin Maloch	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Billy Stamps	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.
Toby Stephens	Member			
P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR 71754	0.50	0.	0.	0.

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		X
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		X
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?	X	
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	X	
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
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?		X
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?		X
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 ▶ 0.		
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		
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		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ None		
42a The books are in care of ▶ The Organization Telephone no ▶ 870-234-1966 Located at ▶ P.O. Box 1145, Magnolia, AR ZIP + 4 ▶ 71754		
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 ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
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 ▶		X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ 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		X
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		X

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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
- 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."

	Yes	No
46		
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

(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: *Burnie J. Sharp* Date: *6-10-10*

Type or print name and title: *Burnie J. Sharp, President*

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature: *Mark Bean, CPA* Date: *5/11/10* Check if self-employed: ☐ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.):

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: *Thomas & Thomas LLP*
201 E. Markham, Suite 500
Little Rock, AR 72201

EIN: *6-10-10* Phone no: *(501) 375-2025*

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

Form 990-EZ	Other Expenses	Statement	1
Description		Amount	
Supplies		4,083.	
Telephone		5,080.	
Conf, conventions, etc.		2,623.	
Insurance		615.	
Advertising and Promotion		1,512.	
Youth and Safety		44.	
Miscellaneous		5,188.	
Interest		3,548.	
Depreciation		201.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16		22,894.	

Form 990-EZ	Other Assets	Statement	2
Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year	
Accounts Receivable	1,304.	0.	
Utility Deposits	15.	15.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 24	1,319.	15.	

Form 990-EZ	Other Liabilities	Statement	3
Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year	
Prepaid Membership	14,289.	11,682.	
Payroll Liabilities	1,574.	1,718.	
Notes Payable	90,457.	82,892.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 26	106,320.	96,292.	

Form 990-EZ	Other Revenue	Statement	4
Description		Amount	
Insurance Service Fees		69,486.	
Royalty Income		960.	
Miscellaneous Income		6,161.	
Adjuster Office Space - Magnolia, AR		4,200.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 8		80,807.	

Form 990-EZ	Occupancy, Rent, Utilities and Maintenance	Statement	5
Description		Amount	
Depreciation		7,583.	
Other Expenses		10,674.	
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 14		18,257.	

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Information Regarding Transfers
Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

Statement 6

- A) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds,
directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal
benefit contract? [] Yes [X] No
- B) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums,
directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . [] Yes [X] No