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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 org anizations 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 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
COOKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
P O BOX 1035

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
GAINESVILLE TX 76241

D Employer identification number
75-0926800

E Telephone number
(940) 665-1763

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) ►

H Check ► ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I **Website:** ► N/A

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 ► $ 302,601.

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	167,160.
	4	Investment income	4	1,089.
	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 ln 5b from ln 5a) (att sch)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ► ☐		
	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 Other Revenue Statement)	8	134,352.
	9	**Total revenue** (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8) ►	9	302,601.
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	131,935.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	600.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	28,411.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,959.
	16	Other expenses (describe ► See Other Expenses Statement)	16	127,846.
	17	**Total expenses** (add lines 10 through 16) ►	17	292,751.
NET ASSETS	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	9,850.
	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	132,618.
	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	142,468.

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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	48,249.	22	53,313.
23	Land and buildings	86,091.	23	88,072.
24	Other assets (describe ► See L-24 Stmt)	237.	24	2,797.
25	**Total assets**	134,577.	25	144,182.
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ► See L-26 Stmt)	1,959.	26	1,714.
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	132,618.	27	142,468.

Part III | Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? PROMOTING AGRICULTURE

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

		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others)	
28	SEE ATTACHED (Grants $ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	0.
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	0.

Part IV | List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. (List each one even if not compensated See the instrs)

(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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
ROBERT KLEMENT PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	PRESIDENT	0.	0.	0.
KENNETH SICKING PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	VICE PRESIDENT	0.	0.	0.
LUCAS HARTMAN PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	SEC TREAS	0.	0.	0.
KEITH COLTERYAHN PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
WAYNE BECKER PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
TIM HARTMAN PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
TAYLOR VESTAL PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
JEFF HELLMAN PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
RUDY ZIMMERER PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
EDWIN KNIGHT PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
RUDY SCHUMACHER PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241	DIRECTOR	0.	0.	0.
See List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, & Key Employees Stmt				

Part V | Other Information (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.)

			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	33		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	34		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 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	X	
b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b	X	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		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?	37b		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?	38a		X
b	If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	501(c)(7) organizations Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► _____, section 4912 ► _____, section 4955 ► _____			
b	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	40b		
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► _____			
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► _____			
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	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► _____			

42a The books are in care of ► TEXAS FARM BUREAU Telephone no ► (254) 751-2337

Located at ► P O BOX 2689, WACO, TX ZIP + 4 ► 76702-2689

			Yes	No
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 ► _____	42b		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of a 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 ► _____	42c		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

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		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	45		X

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.

			Yes	No
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	46		
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48	Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E	48		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b	If 'Yes,' was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?	49b		

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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
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
Total number of other independent contractors 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

► Signature of officer — Date: 3-8-10

► Type or print name and title: Robert Klement — PRESIDENT

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Preparer's signature ►		Date: 03/04/10	Check if self employed ► ☐
Firm's name (or yours if self employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ►	Texas Farm Bureau P.O. Box 2689 Waco TX 76702		Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions) EIN ► Phone no ► (254) 751-2337

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

Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

► See separate instructions. ► Attach to your tax return.

OMB No 1545-0172

2008

Attachment Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return

COOKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Identifying number

75-0926800

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: *If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I*

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	$250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	$800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost

7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the **smaller** of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ►	13	

Note: *Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V*

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	3,632.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ► ☐		

Section B — Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		896.	5 YRS	HY	200DB	179.
c 7-year property		902.	7 YRS	HY	200DB	129.
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property		4,340.	15 YRS	HY	150DB	217.
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C — Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	**Total** Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions	22	4,157.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)

Note: *For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete* ***only*** *24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable*

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: *See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles* **)**

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☐ Yes ☐ No 24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (**do not** include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
	Yes	**No**	**Yes**	**No**	**Yes**	**No**	**Yes**	**No**	**Yes**	**No**	**Yes**	**No**
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		

Note: *If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles*

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year				43	
44 **Total.** Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	

Form 990-EZ
Part II

Other Assets and Liabilities

2008

Name as Shown on Return	Employer Identification No
COOKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU	75-0926800

Line 24 - Other Assets:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Prepaid Income Tax	237.	237.
Accounts Receivable - Other	0.	2,560.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 24	237.	2,797.

Line 26 - Total Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	1,959.	1,714.
Totals to Form 990-EZ, Part II, line 26	1,959.	1,714.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8
Other Revenue Statement

Other revenue (describe)	
INS SERVICE FEES	116,722.
INS AGENT INCOME	17,515.
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	115.
Total	134,352.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses Statement

Other expenses (describe)	
MEMBER RELATIONS	2,061.
COMMITTEE/CONTRACT SERVICES	356.
ADVERTISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS	1,059.
OTHER EXPENSE	843.
TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS	10,726.
OFFICE OPERATIONS EXPENSES	21,192.
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES	6,021.
STATE MEMBERSHIP DUES	85,588.
Total	127,846.

Form 990-EZ, Page 2, Part IV
List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, & Key Employees Stmt

(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 and deferred compensation	**(e)** Expense account and other allowances
Business ☐ Person ☐ GARY LEWIS PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241 Foreign city Foreign country	Title DIRECTOR Hours/Week	0.	0.	0.
Business ☐ Person ☐ ALBERT ZIMMERER PO BOX 1035 GAINESVILLE TX 76241 Foreign city Foreign country	Title DIRECTOR Hours/Week	0.	0.	0.

COOKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
75-0926800

Statement of Program Services Rendered

Form 990-EZ Part III (Page2)

THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP TO SHARE IDEAS, GAIN INFORMATION, AND VOICE OPINION WITH FELLOW MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR LOCAL AREA, STATEWIDE AND NATIONWIDE DEALING WITH AGRICULTURAL RELATED ISSUES. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY:

1) LOCAL MULTI-COUNTY, STATEWIDE, MULTI-STATE, AND NATIONWIDE MEETINGS.

2) OFFER THEIR MEMBERSHIP THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE BY THEIR COMMODITY INTEREST, TO SHARE AND SOLVE PROBLEMS AND PROMOTE THE COMMODITY.

3) UPDATES AND PARTICIPATES IN MATTERS DEALING WITH LEGISLATION AFFECTING AGRICULTURE.

4) PROMOTION OF YOUTH AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES TOWARD A CAREER IN AGRICULTURE.

5) MEMBERSHIP IN TEXAS FARM BUREAU, A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION (EXEMPT UNDER 501 (C)(5)), THAT WORKS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COORDINATES PROGRAMS ON A STATEWIDE BASIS.