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# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Form **990-EZ**

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 $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 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

**2009**

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

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 Instruc-tions.

C Name of organization: CHEROKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): PO BOX 187

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: GAFFNEY SC 29342-0187

D Employer identification number: 57-0734851

E Telephone number: 803-796-6700

F Group Exemption Number ▶ 2393

- 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 [X] Cash [ ] Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ N/A

H Check ▶ [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — [X] 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 Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 70,219

## 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 | 35,375 |
| | 2 | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts | 2 | |
| | 3 | Membership dues and assessments | 3 | |
| | 4 | Investment income | 4 | |
| | 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) | 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 Statement 1) | 8 | 34,844 |
| | 9 | **Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶ | 9 | 70,219 |
| Expenses | 10 | Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) Stmt 2 | 10 | 12,041 |
| | 11 | Benefits paid to or for members | 11 | |
| | 12 | Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits | 12 | 38,104 |
| | 13 | Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors | 13 | |
| | 14 | Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance | 14 | 10,245 |
| | 15 | Printing, publications, postage, and shipping | 15 | |
| | 16 | Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 3) | 16 | 8,370 |
| | 17 | **Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶ | 17 | 68,760 |
| Net Assets | 18 | Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) | 18 | 1,459 |
| | 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 | 119,330 |
| | 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 | 120,789 |

## Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 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 | 14,481 | 22 | 15,940 |
| 23 Land and buildings | | 23 | |
| 24 Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 4) | 104,849 | 24 | 104,849 |
| 25 **Total assets** | 119,330 | 25 | 120,789 |
| 26 **Total liabilities** (describe ▶ ) | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| 27 **Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21) | 119,330 | 27 | 120,789 |

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

IMPROVE 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

28 PROVIDED SPACE & SERVICES FOR MEETINGS AND A CENTRAL LOCATION FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION PROMOTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

(Grants $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ 28a

29 SPONSORED VOLUNTEER AGRICULTURAL LEADERS AT MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

(Grants $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐ 29a

30 SPONSORED COUNTY OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE TO REPRESENT THEIR COUNTY IN STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

(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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SEE ATTACHED LIST | PRESIDENT | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SEE ATTACHED LIST | OTHER OFFICERS | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SEE ATTACHED LIST | DIRECTORS | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part 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? If "Yes," attached 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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T | | | |
| a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 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 | Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets 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 instr ▶ 37a | | | |
| 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 outstanding at the end 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 | Section 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 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ , section 4912 ▶ _____ , section 4955 ▶ _____ | | | |
| b | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | 40b | | |
| c | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____ | | | |
| d | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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. ▶ SC | | | |
| 42a | The organization's books are in care of ▶ SC FARM BUREAU Telephone no ▶ 803-796-6700 | | | |
| | Located at ▶ BOX 754 COLUMBIA SC ZIP + 4 ▶ 29202-0754 | | | |
| 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.** | 42b | | 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 ▶ _____ | 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 | | | |
| 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 and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b 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 a section 527 organization? | 49b | | |

50 Complete this table for the organization's 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 |
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f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's 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 |
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 ▶

**Sign Here**

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

▶ Signature of officer Ron Quesenberry Date 3/30/10

▶ Type or print name and title RON QUESINBERRY TAX OFFICER

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| Preparer's signature ▶ | Date 03/30/10 | Check if self-employed ▶ ☐ | Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr ) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ SC Farm Bureau Federation 724 Knox Abbott Dr Cayce, SC 29033 | | | EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ 803-936-4676 |

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

# Federal Statements

## Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8 - Other Revenue

| Description | Amount |
|---|---|
| SERVICE FEES FROM AFFILIATE | $ 34,808 |
| MINOR MISCELLANEOUS | 36 |
| Total | $ 34,844 |

# Federal Statements

## Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Payments to Affiliates

| Name and Address | Purpose | Amount of Payment |
|---|---|---|
| SC FARM BUREAU<br>PO BOX 754<br>COLUMBIA, SC 29202 | STATE DUES | 10,941 |
| Total | | 10,941 |

## Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

| Description | Amount |
|---|---|
| Expenses | $ |
| Office | 3,797 |
| Conferences/Meetings | 4,573 |
| Total | $ 8,370 |

## Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

| Description | Beginning of Year | End of Year |
|---|---|---|
| BUILDINGS/IMPROVEMENTS | $ 95,302 | $ 95,302 |
| FURNITURE/FIXTURES/EQUIPMENT | 9,547 | 9,547 |
| | 104,849 | 104,849 |

## 2009-2010 CHEROKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PO Box 187 • Gaffney, SC 29342 • 864.489.1865

| Office | Name | Member # | Address, City & Zip | Home Phone # | Office Phone # | Fax # | Mobile Phone # | E-Mail Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| President | Loye Mayfield, Jr | 626439 | 2915 Union Highway, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 489 6853 | 864 488 1669 | | 864 490 9017 | |
| Vice President | David Stacy | 120738 | 1337 Chesnee Highway, Gaffney, 29341 | 864 487 0339 | 864 487 4653 | | 864 490 3937 | |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Fred Lovingwood | 730009 | 2236 Pacolet Highway, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 489.3764 | | | 864 490 2163 | |
| State Director | Joey Lemmons, Jr | 11265 | 1000 College Drive, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 487 3745 | 864.487 0344 | | 864 612 0024 | krlemmons@cs com |
| Alternate State Director | Gwen C Gray | 626431 | PO Box 1622, Cowpens, 29330 | | 864 576 9440 | 864 576 9498 | 864 580 9861 | gwne100gray@bellsouth net |
| Legislative Committee Chair | Joey Lemmons, Jr | 11265 | 1000 College Drive, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 487 3745 | 864 487 0344 | | 864 612 0024 | krlemmons@cs com |
| Young Farmers & Ranchers Chair | | | | | | | | |
| Women's Committee Chair | Bessie Mayfield | 626439 | 2915 Union Highway, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 489 6853 | | | | |
| Information/Public Relations Chair | | | | | | | | |
| County Director | Dominick (Mickey) Caggiano | 19910 | 127 Greenbriar Drive, Gaffney, 29341 | 864 489 4479 | | | 864 492 8282 | mendleson@aol com |
| County Director | Gwen C Gray | 626431 | PO Box 1622, Cowpens, 29330 | | 864 576 9440 | 864 576 9498 | 864 580 9861 | gwne100gray@bellsouth net |
| County Director | J C Humphries, Jr | 131782 | 329 Old Post Road, Gaffney, 29341 | 864 489 8045 | | | | |
| County Director | Tommy Lemaster | 256805 | 1139 Boiling Springs Highway, Gaffney, 29341 | 864 489 8410 | 864 489 2736 | | 864 839.7495 | |
| County Director | John Mayfield | 362671 | 2921 Union Highway, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 487 2005 | 864 487 8881 | 864 487 8781 | 864 490 0000 | jwmasm@wildblue net |
| County Director | Tommy Robbs | 14922 | 1409 Robbs School Road, Gaffney, 29341 | 864 489.7224 | 864 489 7224 | 864 489 5222 | 864 761 6287 | |

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| Office | Name | Member # | Address, City & Zip | Home Phone # | Office Phone # | Fax Phone # | Mobile Phone # | E-Mail Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| County Director | Terry Sanders | 59133 | 817 Gowdeysville Road, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 487 4709 | 864 674 5749 | | | |
| County Director | George Wheeler | 262853 | 855 Hickory Grove Road, Gaffney, 29340 | 864 489 4012 | | | | |