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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)

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

2009

Open to Public
Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010

B Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization Farmers Educational & Cooperative Union Group R

Doing Business As

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

Room/suite

PO Box 2136

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

Jamestown ND 58402-2136

D Employer identification number

23 7024830

E Telephone number

(701) 252-2340

G Gross receipts \$ 442,628

F Name and address of principal officer Robert Carlson

PO Box 2136, Jamestown, ND 58402-2136

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☒ Yes ☐ NoH(b) Are all affiliates included? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c) (5) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 1927 M State of legal domicile: ND

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Guided by the principals of cooperation, legislation and education.

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

3

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

4

5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)

5

0

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

6

5200

7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7a

0

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

7b

0

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

Prior Year

Current Year

83,463

83,753

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

416,373

344,918

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11,332

13,957

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

511,168

442,628

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

13,710

7,219

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

105,422

94,964

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

116,579

0

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

0

0

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)

0

0

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11e, 11f–11g, 11h–11i, 11j–11k, 11l–11m, 11n–11o, 11p–11q, 11r–11s, 11t–11u, 11v–11w, 11x–11y, 11z–11aa, 11ab–11ac, 11ad–11ae, 11af–11ag, 11ah–11ai, 11aj–11ak, 11al–11am, 11an–11ao, 11ap–11aq, 11ar–11as, 11at–11au, 11av–11aw, 11ax–11ay, 11az–11ba, 11bb–11bc, 11bd–11be, 11bf–11bg, 11bh–11bi, 11bj–11bk, 11bl–11bm, 11bn–11bo, 11bp–11bq, 11br–11bs, 11bt–11bu, 11bv–11bw, 11bx–11by, 11bz–11ca, 11cb–11cc, 11cd–11ce, 11cf–11cg, 11ch–11ci, 11cj–11ck, 11cl–11cm, 11cn–11co, 11cp–11cq, 11cr–11cs, 11ct–11cu, 11cv–11cw, 11cx–11cy, 11cz–11da, 11db–11dc, 11dd–11de, 11df–11dg, 11dh–11di, 11dj–11dk, 11dl–11dm, 11dn–11do, 11dp–11dq, 11dr–11ds, 11dt–11du, 11dv–11dw, 11dx–11dy, 11dz–11ea, 11eb–11ec, 11ed–11ee, 11ef–11eg, 11eh–11ei, 11ej–11ek, 11el–11em, 11en–11eo, 11ep–11eq, 11er–11es, 11et–11eu, 11ev–11ew, 11ex–11ey, 11ez–11fa, 11fb–11fc, 11fd–11fe, 11ff–11fg, 11fh–11fi, 11fj–11fk, 11fl–11fm, 11fn–11fo, 11fp–11fq, 11fr–11fs, 11ft–11fu, 11fv–11fw, 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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:
The county orginations are guided by the principles of cooperation. legislation and education. The counties
are committed to the prosperity of family farms, ranches and rural communities.

- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

- 4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

- 4a** (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
Educatons programs - These programs include the sponsoring of various seminars and youth educational programs
including classes and educational camp programs.

- 4b** (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
Cooperative programs - The counties promote and develop their local cooperatives to increase the financial
bargaining of agriculture and rural people.

- 4c** (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
Legislation - They work with elected officals to voice the opinions of rural people on agriculture issues.

- 4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

- 4e** Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	✓
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	✓
3 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	3	✓
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	✓
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	✓
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	11	✓
• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.		
• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.		
• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	12	✓
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.	12A	✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	✓
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	✓
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	✓
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	✓
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	✓
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>	☒	☐
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>	☐	☒
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>	☐	☒
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25.</i>	☐	☒
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	☐	☐
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	☐	☐
24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	☐	☐
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>	☐	☐
25b Is the organization 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>	☐	☐
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>	☐	☒
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>	☐	☒
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):	☐	☐
28a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	☐	☒
28b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	☐	☒
28c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	☐	☒
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	☐	☒
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	☐	☒
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>	☐	☒
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>	☐	☒
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>	☐	☒
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.</i>	☐	☒
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>	☐	☒
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>	☐	☐
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>	☐	☒
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	☒	☐

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	0
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	0
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	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)?	4a	✓
b	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.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	✓
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	✓
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	✓
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	✓
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	✓
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	✓
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	✓
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	✓
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	✓
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9a	✓

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	✓
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b	
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	✓
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	✓
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	✓
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	✓
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	✓
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► None

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► Sue Corwin 701-252-2340, PO Box 2136, Jamestown, ND 58402-2136

Part VII	Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees <i>(continued)</i>
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1b Total

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ►

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	✓
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>	4	✓
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	✓

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ►

Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a		83,753			
	b Membership dues	1b	83,753				
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions).	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f						
Program Service Revenue	2a Educational programs	Business Code		275,579			
	b Misc. Income			69,339			
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			344,918			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			13,957		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
5 Royalties							
6a Gross Rents		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
b Less: rental expenses							
c Rental income or (loss)							
d Net rental income or (loss)							
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses							
c Gain or (loss)							
d Net gain or (loss)							
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		a					
b Less: direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		a					
b Less: direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a					
b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions.				442,628			

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	7,219			
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	94,964			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	8,736			
12 Advertising and promotion	5,954			
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	2,387			
17 Travel	86,737			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	94,239			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates	16,162			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	5,550			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Misc.	19,919			
b Contracted outreach staff	62,714			
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	404,581			
26 Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	272,628	1	260,294
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	637,003	2	683,775
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	909,631	16	944,069	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		26	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	909,631	32	944,069
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	909,631	33	944,069
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	909,631	34	944,069	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . .
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . .
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- d** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . .
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b		✓
2c		
3a		✓
3b		

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

► Complete if the organization is described below.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

OMB No 1545-0047

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Open to Public
Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

Employer identification number

Farmers Educational & Cooperative Group Return

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7024830

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political expenditures ► \$

3 Volunteer hours ►

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)(a) Filing
organization's totals(b) Affiliated
group totals

- 1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)
- b** Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)
- c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)
- d** Other exempt purpose expenditures
- e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)
- f** Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.

- g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)
- h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-
- i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-
- j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1 ✓	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	✓
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	✓

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Part II	Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to
Part III	Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed

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- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3 Enter total number of other organizations

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 10: After the Form 990 is prepared, a copy is distributed to all board members for their review. A reasonable amount of time is allowed for board members to raise any questions or concerns regarding the Form 990 prior to filing the return.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: The organization makes it's governing documents, conflict of interest policy as well as financial data available to the public upon request.