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Form **990-EZ****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 \$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**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **10/1/2009**, and ending **9/30/2010**

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 **Indiana Farm Bureau**
Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. Box 353
 City, town, or country State ZIP + 4
Bluffton IN 46714-0353

D Employer identification number
35-0905026

E Telephone number
(317) 692-7851

F Group Exemption Number **0963**

• **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 Tax-exempt status (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 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. ► \$ **54,185**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	0	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	1,849	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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	22,409	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)
4	Investment income	4	29,927	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0		
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0		
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0		
6b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0		
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b			
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0		
8	Other revenue (describe ►)	8	0		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	54,185		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	5,686		
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	2,115		
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,588		
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	19,480		
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0		
16	Other expenses (describe ► See Attached Statement)	16	27,812		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	56,681		
18					
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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	153,016	22 153,219
23 Land and buildings	30,934	23 28,235
24 Other assets (describe ► See Attached Statement)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	183,950	25 181,454
26 Total liabilities (describe ► See Attached Statement)	0	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	183,950	27 181,454

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Form 990-EZ (2009)

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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? See statement 1 attached.	(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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, and other relevant information for each program title.	
28 see statement 2	
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a 0
29	
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a 0
30	
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a 0
31 Other program services (attach schedule)	
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a 0
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 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
Neil Stoppenhagen	Title President			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 5 00	240	0	0
Bruce Barger	Title Vice President			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 4 00	90	0	0
Susan Stoppenhagen	Title Secretary			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 4 00	150	0	0
Sandra Avey	Title Treasurer			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 4 00	240	0	0
Kimberly Barger	Title Women's Leader			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 4 00	760	0	0
Donald Avey	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	20	0	0
Patty Baker	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	100	0	0
Tim Baker	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	180	0	0
Chad Captain	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1.00	40	0	0
Mark Fiechter	Title Director			
P.O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1.00	80	0	0
Michael Fiechter	Title Director			
P.O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	0	0	0
Bruce Herr	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	0	0	0
Twilla Herr	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	0	0	0
Tony Johnson	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	80	0	0
Bruce Leas	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Jodi Leas	Title Director			
P O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	0	0	0
Laura Sills	Title Director			
P.O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1.00	0	0	0
Rod Sills	Title Director			
P.O Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Hr/WK 1 00	0	0	0

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.		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? 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 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?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
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.		X
37 a 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
38 a 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?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved. 38b 0		
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		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ 0, section 4912 ▶ 0, section 4955 ▶ 0		
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		
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 ▶ INDIANA		
42 a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Indiana Farm Bureau Telephone no. ▶ (317) 692-7851 Located at ▶ 225 S. East Street City, Indianapolis ST, IN ZIP + 4 ▶ 46202		
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.	Yes	No
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		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

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. **Not applicable**

- 46** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. **Yes** **No**
46 n/a
- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II **47** n/a
- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** n/a
- 49 a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** n/a
- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** n/a
- 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
Name None Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
Name Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK 00	0	0	0
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f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000. **0**

- 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
Name None Str City ST ZIP		
Name Str City ST ZIP		
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **0**

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 <i>Neil Stoppenhagen</i>		Date <i>4-26-11</i>	
	Type or print name and title <i>NEIL STOPPENHAGEN PRESIDENT</i>			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date <i>4/18/2011</i>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 <i>Indiana Farm Bureau Inc P.O. Box 1290, Indianapolis, IN 46206</i>	EIN	Phone no <i>(317) 692-7851</i>	

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Part IV (990-EZ) - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

Name and address	Title and average hours per week devoted to position	Compensation	Contributions to emp benefit plans & deferred compensation	Expense account and other allowances
Michael Taylor P.O. Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Title Director Hr/WK 1.00	20	0	0
Dan Tucker P.O. Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Title Director Hr/WK 1.00	20	0	0
Tricia Tucker P.O. Box 353 Bluffton IN 46714-0353	Title Director Hr/WK 1.00	20	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
	Title Hr/WK .00	0	0	0
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Explanations (990-EZ)**Reasonable Cause**

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General Explanation

	Part	Line	Explanation
1	III		Represent the farmer's voice on issues related to agriculture, educate the consumer and promote
2			farm products, keep members abreast of policies and new developments
3			
4	V	35	Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc. generated \$1,849 of income from ticket sales to its pancake
5			breakfast, which was held during the county 4-H fair to promote agriculture and is related to its
6			exempt purpose.
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Part I, Line 16 (990-EZ) - Other Expenses

27,812

1	Travel	1	2,502
2	Meals and entertainment	2	5
3	Fundraising	3	
4	Amortization	4	0
5	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5	4,229
6	Depreciation	6	0
7	Depletion	7	
8	Equipment rental and maintenance	8	
9	Interest	9	
10	Supplies	10	
11	Telephone	11	
12	Unrelated business income taxes	12	0
13	Membership services	13	0
14	Ag Promotion	14	12,020
15	District Dues	15	653
16	Miscellaneous Expenses	16	221
17	Building Expens for leased space	17	8,182
18	Unrelated Business Income Taxes, State	18	0
19	Political Contributions	19	0
20		20	
21		21	
22		22	
23		23	
24		24	
25		25	
26		26	
27		27	
28		28	

Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc.
35-0905026

9/30/2010 year end

Statement 2

Form 990-EZ, Page 2, Part III – Organization's Program Achievement or Accomplishments

Line 28 – Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc. promotes agriculture through sponsorship of various activities at the county 4-H fair, including a barbeque supper and a pancake breakfast. Wells County Farm Bureau also hosts a promotional booth during the week of the fair. 100 4-H participants were involved in these activities and 450 people were served.

25 volunteers contributed at least 50 hours to plan and coordinate these activities.

The objective of these activities is to promote agriculture in the local community.

Wells County Farm Bureau contributed \$2,358 for food, supplies, and trophies and awards.

Total contributed to achievement #1 \$2,358

Line 29 – Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc. promotes agricultural policy development and implementation. Wells County Farm Bureau held a "Toolshed" meeting with local and state legislators, as well as several policy development meetings throughout the year. 75 people were involved in the Toolshed meeting, and 15 people were regularly involved in the policy development meetings.

30 volunteers contributed 120 hours to plan and coordinate these events.

The objective of these activities is to educate key governmental officials and the public about agriculturally related policy issues.

Wells County Farm Bureau contributed \$331 for catering for the Toolshed meeting.

Total contributed to achievement #2 \$331

Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc.
35-0905026

9/30/2010 year end

Statement 2

Line 30 – Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc. promotes agriculture through youth and adult outreach and education programs. Programs sponsored by the Wells County Farm Bureau include the first grade health fair, the adult health fair, “Ag in the Park,” and the 4-H exchange program. 1,000 children and 700 adults were involved in these activities, which are held on four different days throughout the year.

30 volunteers contributed 75 hours to plan and coordinate these activities.

The objective of these activities is to provide agricultural education to children and adults throughout the community.

Wells County Farm Bureau contributed \$412 for the various expenses of carrying out these activities.

Total contributed to achievement #3	\$412
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ASSET DEPRECIATION SHORT REPORT
WELLS COUNTY FARM BUREAU Sep. 15, 2010

Sorted ASSET A/C#
 Method 1-FEDERAL-Std Conv Applied

Range 1600 - 1610
 Include All assets

Date Acq	Description	Meth/Life	Cost	Section 179	Depr Basis	Includes Section 179		
						Beg A/Depr	Curr Depr	End A/Depr
ASSET A/C#: 1600 - FARM BUREAU BUILDING								
12/17/70	Orignal construction	SL/50 00	68,232 96	0 00	68,232 96	49,782 96	1,365 00	51,147 96
12/31/82	Building Addition	SL/15 00	60,290 54	0 00	60,290 54	60,290 54	0 00	60,290 54
05/30/90	Baseboard Heater	SL/15 00	184 90	0 00	184 90	184 90	0 00	184 90
09/09/91	Carpet Office	SL/ 5 00	7,960 35	0 00	7,960 35	7,960 35	0 00	7,960 35
09/09/91	Wallpaper	SL/ 5 00	1,057 05	0 00	1,057 05	1,057 05	0 00	1,057 05
08/01/92	install PVC Pipe	SL/ 5 00	242 05	0 00	242 05	242 05	0 00	242 05
10/21/92	Carpet Boardroom	SL/ 5 00	2,236 50	0 00	2,236 50	2,236 50	0 00	2,236 50
09/29/93	Light fixtures	SL/15 00	3,409 50	0 00	3,409 50	3,409 50	0 00	3,409 50
05/20/94	Pave parking Lot	SL/15 00	5,100 00	0 00	5,100 00	5,100 00	0 00	5,100 00
10/11/95	Landscaping	SL/10 00	1,700 00	0 00	1,700 00	1,700 00	0 00	1,700 00
03/20/96	Securty lights	SL/15 00	2,562 85	0 00	2,562 85	2,307 85	171 00	2,478 85
03/10/97	Manager's Office	SL/ 5 00	1,134 75	0 00	1,134 75	1,134 75	0 00	1,134 75
09/01/01	Paint, Wallpaper	SL/ 5 00	6,074 13	0 00	6,074 13	6,074 13	0 00	6,074 13
09/01/01	Heat pumps	SL/10 00	11,630 00	0 00	11,630 00	9,401 00	1,163 00	10,564 00
Grand totals 1600 - FARM BUREAU BUILDING (14 assets)			171,815 58	0 00	171,815 58	150,881 58	2,699 00	153,580 58
ASSET A/C#: 1610 - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT								
05/01/58	Coffee Urn	MA200/ 7 00	30 72	0 00	30 72	30 72	0 00	30 72
12/01/70	5 Tables	MA200/ 7 00	323 95	0 00	323 95	323 95	0 00	323 95
12/01/70	25 Chairs	MA200/ 7 00	684 54	0 00	684 54	684 54	0 00	684 54
02/01/71	25 Chairs	MA200/ 7 00	678 36	0 00	678 36	678 36	0 00	678 36
03/01/77	Table	MA200/ 7 00	39 47	0 00	39 47	39 47	0 00	39 47
11/01/87	Toshiba Television	MA200/ 7 00	350 00	0 00	350 00	350 00	0 00	350 00
11/01/87	Toshiba VCR	MA200/ 7 00	250 00	0 00	250 00	250 00	0 00	250 00
12/01/87	TV, VCR Stand	MA200/ 7 00	133 28	0 00	133 28	133 28	0 00	133 28
09/01/00	Computer and printer	M*200/ 5 00	1,450 00	0 00	1,450 00	1,450 00	0 00	1,450 00
Grand totals 1610 - FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT (9 assets)			3,940 32	0 00	3,940 32	3,940 32	0 00	3,940 32
Grand totals for all accounts (23 assets)			175,755 90	0 00	175,755 90	154,821 90	2,699 00	157,520 90

Codes that may appear next to the date acquired include: A - Addition, D - Disposal, T - Traded, MQ - Mid Quarter Applied

Additional Summary Statistics.	Cost	Curr Yr 179	Prior Yr 179	Depr Basis	Beg A/Depr	Curr Depr	Ending A/Depr	Net Book Val
Grand Totals for All Assets	175,755 90	0 00	0 00	175,755 90	154,821 90	2,699 00	157,520 90	18,235 00
Less Inactive Assets	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Disposed Assets	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Traded Assets	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Net Totals (Active Assets)	175,755 90	0 00	0 00	175,755 90	154,821 90	2,699 00	157,520 90	18,235 00
Total Additional First Year Depreciation Taken at 30% Rate				0.00				
Total Additional First Year Depreciation Taken at 50% Rate.				0.00				
Total Additional First Year Depreciation Taken.				0.00				

**BYLAWS OF THE
WELLS COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.
AS REVISED AND AMENDED NOVEMBER 19, 2010**

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this association shall not be limited to race, color, religious background, or national origin. Membership shall be classified as “voting” and “associate”.

Section 1 Voting Members

The voting membership of this county Farm Bureau, Inc. shall consist of owners or operators of a farm who produce and commercially market agricultural products and/or associations of such producers organized under the Indiana Agricultural Cooperative Act or similar act of other states. “Farm Operator” includes a full time farm employee who is so employed year-round within the state of Indiana. A farm as referred to in these bylaws, shall produce and market not less than \$500.00 worth of agricultural products annually. It is provided that any person, who has been a continuous voting member of a period of 10 years or more, so long as he continues his Farm Bureau membership, shall be classified as a voting member. Voting memberships shall automatically terminate upon failure to meet these requirements, or upon a finding of the Board of Directors after due notice and hearing, of failure to cooperate with this County Farm Bureau, Inc. Township officers shall review their voting and associate memberships and make appropriate corrections as needed on or before September 15th of each year.

Section 2 Associate Members

Any person, firm, or corporation interested in agriculture to any degree less than that required for a voting membership in this association, may be admitted as an associate member of the Farm Bureau upon payment of annual dues in accordance with the general rules herein stated. Associate members have all rights and privileges of voting members with the exception of voting and holding an elected office.

Section 3 Dues

The county shall retain \$6.50 of the annual dues of this association and the remainder shall be allocated for Indiana Farm Bureau dues, Hoosier Farmer magazine and American Farm Bureau Federation.

Section 4 Voting Privileges

Each membership shall be allowed one vote on any business transacted at the county annual meeting and/or annual county policy meeting.

ARTICLE II – MEETING

Section 1 Annual Meeting

An annual county meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place during the year, as the Board of Directors shall determine from time to time, for the purpose of electing county officers, electing members of the county Board of Directors, hearing annual reports, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

Voting delegates to District and State meetings shall be elected at the annual meeting. The county President and Woman Leader should have preference.

Section 2 Annual Policy Meeting

An annual county policy development meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place during the month of March each year for the purpose of developing and voting on Local, State and National Policy.

Section 3 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the members may be called at any time by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors, or by petition of one-tenth of the voting membership.

Section 4 Quorum

Those voting members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 Notice of Meeting

Notice of all county meetings, together with a statement of the purpose of any special meeting, shall be mailed to each voting member, or shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation in the county, at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS

Section 1 Number of Directors

The number of directors in this association shall consist of 24 voting members. Included in this number shall be the President, the Vice President, the Woman Leader, the Assistant Woman Leader, the Secretary and the Treasurer, who shall be directors-at-large by virtue of their office.

Section 2 Election of Directors

Directors and their assistants, other than those serving at large, shall be nominated from townships as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

DIRECTOR TOWNSHIPS – CHESTER, HARRISON, JACKSON,
JEFFERSON, LANCASTER, LIBERTY, NOTTINGHAM, ROCKCREEK
and UNION.

Prior to the county annual meeting each township Director whose term expires in that year shall be responsible for nominating directors and their assistants for the ensuing term. Nominations can also be made from the floor prior to election. Such meetings shall be called by and presided over by the township officers, if any, if not, by the county President.

Director's term of office shall be one two (2) year term, and shall begin immediately once the vote is finalized

All elected Directors must be, during the tenure of their office, residents of the township from which they were elected.

The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy for any township that fails to nominate directors. Appointed directors can be from any township. Each director may be reelected to the township previously appointed.

Section 3 Meeting Directors

The directors shall hold such regular and special meetings, as they shall determine. Special meetings shall be held whenever called by the President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice of special meeting must specify the business to be discussed, unless waived.

Section 4 Powers and Duties

The Board of Directors shall have all the powers and duties regular and customary to the Board of Directors of corporations, including power to determine terms of office

and to fix compensation of officers and directors, to fill vacancies and to determine the distribution of county dues.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Woman Leader, and an Assistant Woman Leader. Each officer's term shall be two (2) years.

The President and Vice-President shall be elected to take office on uneven years, as well as Lancaster, Nottingham, Rockcreek and Union townships.

The Woman Leader, Assistant Woman Leader, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to take office on even years, as well as Chester, Harrison, Jackson, Liberty and Jefferson townships.

Section 2 Election

Officers and Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of voting members by a majority of the votes cast. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President and/or Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual county meeting. The responsibility of this committee shall be to select a slate of one or more candidates for each office to be filled. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election. All officers and directors must be voting members of the Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Section 3 The President Shall

1. Preside over regular and special meetings of members and directors.
2. Call meeting of the Board of Directors.
3. Discharge such other duties as may be required of him/her.

Section 4 The Vice-President Shall

Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at anytime the President is unable to perform. He/She shall perform all other duties authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 5 The Secretary Shall

1. Keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Directors, of the Executive committee and of the members' attendance.
2. Discharge such duties as authorized by the Board of Directors.
3. Include a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting with the upcoming meeting notice.

Section 6 The Treasurer Shall

1. Keep or provide for a proper membership record.
2. Act as custodian of the county general fund, and shall provide for the receiving, depositing and paying of our funds necessary and contingent with the business of the association and account for all receipts, disbursements and balance at hand.
3. Secure bond in such form and in such amount as the Board of Directors may require.
4. Attest all contracts, notes, and any other documents prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7 The Woman Leader Shall

1. Advise and assist with the activities of the county Farm Bureau.
2. Direct all Farm Bureau activities assigned to the women.
3. Discharge such other duties as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 Appointment and Duties

The executive Committee shall consist of the county President, Vice-President, Woman Leader, Assistant Woman Leader, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall serve as chairman.

The Executive Committee shall have such tenure and may exercise, during the intervals between meetings of the board, such duties and powers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify each person who is or was a Director or officer of the Association or who is or was serving at the request of the Association as a Director or officer of any other corporation, association, or entity against any and all liability and reasonable expense that may be incurred by him/her in connection with or resulting from any action, claim, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which he/she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of his/her being or having been such a Director or officer or by reason of any past or future action taken or not taken in his/her capacity as such Director or officer whether or not he/she continues to be such at the time such liability or expense is incurred, provided such director or officer acted in good faith in what he/she reasonably believed to be the best interest of the Association and provided further that such Director or officer is not adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duty in such action, suit, or proceeding, and in connection with any criminal action or proceeding, provided he/she had no reasonable cause to believe that his/her conduct was unlawful. Any entry of judgment by consent as part of a settlement shall not be deemed a final adjudication of liability of negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty. As set forth in this article the terms “liability” and “expense” shall include, but shall not be limited to, counsel fees, proper expenses and disbursements, and amounts, of judgments, fines, or penalties, and amounts paid in settlement by such Director or officer. In the event that a question arises as to whether or not such Director or officer has met the standards of conduct herein above set forth, such question shall be conclusively determined by either (1) the Board of Directors acting as a quorum consisting of Directors who are not involved in such claim, action, suit or proceeding, or (2) by the written opinion of reputable disinterested legal counsel selected and paid by the Association. If any word, clause, or provision of this article shall for any reason be determined to be invalid, the provision hereof shall not otherwise be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect. The foregoing rights to which any such Director or officer may be entitled by statute, policy of insurance or otherwise, and shall inure to benefit of the heirs, legatees, and personal representative of any such person.

ARTICLE VII – OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this association shall begin on September 15th and end on September 14th. A financial audit shall be made at least once a year.

Section 2 Township Organizations

Townships may be organized by their representatives on the Board of Directors.

The purpose of these Township Organizations shall be to assist in implementing and carrying out the program of the county organization. They shall only have such

powers and authority as granted them by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall appropriate the finances of these organizations.

Appointed directors representing an unorganized township may submit, to the Board of Directors, a budget covering expenses of anticipated programs. Upon approval of the budget, these expenses shall be paid by the county Treasurer, when incurred.

Section 3 Seal

The seal of the county shall contain these words and figures (900) Wells County Farm Bureau, Inc. 20__ in circular form.

Section 4 Dissolution

In the case of dissolution all of the Wells County Farm Bureau Inc. assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to the Farm Bureau Foundation, a part of the Indiana Farm Bureau family of organizations.

Section 5 Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors.