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Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2011**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- 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, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending	
B Check if applicable: ☒ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization NORTH AMERICAN STRAWBERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1300 SALMON CREEK ROAD City or town state or country ZIP + 4 REDDING CA 96003
D Employer identification number 31-0994392	
E Telephone number (613) 258-4587	
F Group Exemption Number ►	
G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ►	
I Website: ► WWW.NASGA.ORG	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(5) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 149,591	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	126,946
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	22,373
	4	Investment income	4	272
	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	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
Expenses	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	0
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	149,591
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	5,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
Net Assets	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	18,390
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	6,565
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	91,486
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	121,441
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	28,150
Net Assets	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	67,183
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	95,333

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II. ☐

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	67,183	22	95,333
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	67,183	25	95,333
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	67,183	27	95,333

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III. ☐What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? STRAWBERRY RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

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

28 <u>TWO CONFERENCES SERVED 250 PEOPLE</u>		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	
29 <u>RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND UNIVERSITIES</u>		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	
30 <u>FOUR NEWSLETTERS SERVED 250 MEMBERS IN US, CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES</u>		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses. (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	0

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. ☐

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Health benefits contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
SIMON PARENT 256 HAUT RIVIERE NORD ST CESAIRE QC J0L 1T0 C	Title PRES Hr/WK 1.00	0		
GARY BARDENHAGEN 1888 N EAGLE HWY LAKE LEELANAU MI 49653	Title VP Hr/WK 1.00	0		
NATE NOURSE 41 RIVER ROAD SOUTH DEERFIELD MA 01373	Title PAST PRES Hr/WK 1.00	0		
JAMI SIMMONS 1300 SALMON CREEK ROAD REDDING CA 96003	Title TREAS Hr/WK 1.00	0		
BLAINE STAPLES RR 3 INNISFALL AB T4G 1T8 Canada	Title DIR Hr/WK 1.00	0		
LIETTE LAMBERT 177 ST-JOSEPH, BUREAU 201 SAINTE-MARTINE QB	Title DIR Hr/WK 1.00	0		
BILL JACOBSON 450 APPLE ORCHARD RD WHITE BEAR LAKE MN 55	Title DIR Hr/WK 1.00	0		
WILLIAM KROHNE 65295 C R 342 HARTFORD MI 49057	Title DIR Hr/WK 1.00	0		
SCOTT THOMPSON 1400 - 75TH ST BRISTOL WI 53104	Title DIR Hr/WK 1.00	0		
PAM FISHER 1283 BLUELINE RD & HIWAY #3 BOX 587 SIMCOE	Title DIR Hr/WK 1.00	0		
	Title Hr/WK .00	0		
	Title Hr/WK .00	0		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O.		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions).		X
35 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		X
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.		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.		X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a		
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 tax year covered by this return?		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 N/A		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 40a ; section 4912 40a ; section 4955 40a		
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 did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its 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 40c		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d		
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.		
42 a The organization's books are in care of 42a See Attached Statement Telephone no 42a Located at 42a City 42a ST 42a ZIP + 4 42a		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: 42b See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside 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 43 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c		X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d		
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a		X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions). 45b		X

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.

	Yes	No
46		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 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.

	Yes	No
47		

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.

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- 49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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- 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) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Name None Str City ST ZIP	Title Hr/WK .00			
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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."

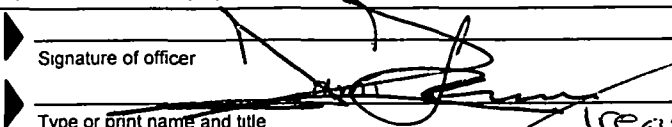
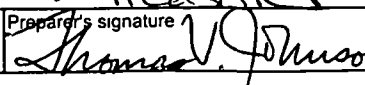
(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None Str City ST ZIP		
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- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer 	Date 8.13.12			
	Type or print name and title 				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Pnn/Type preparer's name Thomas V. Johnson	Preparer's signature 	Date 8/7/2012	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00609008
	Firm's name ▶ Thomas V. Johnson, PA	Firm's EIN ▶ 41-1958065			
	Firm's address ▶ 15125 W. Vermillion Cir NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304	Phone no (763) 434-8573			
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No					

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

NORTH AMERICAN STRAWBERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION

31-0994392

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity: GRANTS PAID, Grantee NASGA RESEARCH

FOUNDATION, Cash Grant: 5,000, Relationship:

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Conferences, conventions, and meetings: 74,768

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Supplies: 1,746

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: Telephone 1,534

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: BANK FEES: 79

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: CONFERENCE - SITE EXPENSES: 800

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: CREDIT CARD FEES: 2,252

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS: 1,595

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: INSURANCE: 306

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: STAFF TRAVEL 2,400

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: WEBSITE EXPENSES: 3,295

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses: ADVERTISING: 2,711

Part V, Line 42a (990-EZ) - Books In Care Of

Check ("X") if a business is in possession of the books.

☐The books are in care of. Name SHELLY TODD Telephone no. 613-258-1245Located at 310 DODSON ST City KEMPTVILLE ST ONTARIO ZIP + 4 K0G 1J0Foreign Country Canada
