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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, 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*

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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
PLYMOUTH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
28 2ND AVE SW

City or town | state or country | ZIP + 4
LEMARS | IA | 51031

D Employer identification number
42-0681039

E Telephone number
(712) 546-8828

F Group Exemption Number ▶ 0626

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ N/A

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 ▶ $ 136,227

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	17,700
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	30,519
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	74,235
	4	Investment income	4	13,773
	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
	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	136,227
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	29,533
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	650
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	12,826
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,202
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	93,799
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	138,010
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-1,783
	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	241,493
	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	239,710

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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	209,373	22	220,850
23	Land and buildings	32,576	23	29,381
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	263	24	358
25	**Total assets**	242,212	25	250,589
26	**Total liabilities** (describe in Schedule O)	719	26	10,879
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	241,493	27	239,710

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. . . . ☐

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? PROVIDE CURRENT AG INFORMATION

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

28 AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING FARM FAMILIES PROSPER AND IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. PROVIDED INFORMATION ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES THROUGH NEWSLETTERS, MEETINGS, ETC 2,196 MEMBERS WERE BENEFITTED IN 2011.

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

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

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(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
JOHN AHLERS 22558 K-49 LEMARS IA 51031	Title PRESIDENT Hr/WK 2.50	0		
JASON SCHOENROCK 32322 K-49 HINTON IA 51024	Title VICE PRESIDENT Hr/WK 2.50	0		
VERNON LETSCHE 23171 ALMOND AVE REMSEN IA 51050	Title SECRETARY Hr/WK 2.50	0		
JOE ROTTA 21362 K-42 MERRILL IA 51038	Title TREASURER Hr/WK 2 50	0		
TODD POPKEN 14162 K-22 AKRON IA 51001	Title VOTING DELEGA Hr/WK 2 50	0		
KIRK KNEIP 427 7TH AVE LEMARS IA 51031	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1.50	0		
ROGER HAWKINS 11373 NATURE AVE LEMARS IA 51031	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1 50	0		
DALLAS THOMPSON 38224 RITCHIE RD KINGSLEY IA 51028	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1 50	0		
JIM WESS 38416 100TH ST ALTON IA 51003	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1 50	0		
DONALD HIRSCHMAN 112 SYENROTTA DR KINGSLEY IA 51028	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1 50	0		
MICHAEL BEITELSPACHER 30682 100TH ST LEMARS IA 51031	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1.50	0		
KEVIN HELD PO BOX 1003 HINTON IA 51024	Title DIRECTOR Hr/WK 1 50	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	33		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)	34		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)?	35a	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	35b	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	35c		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
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?	37b		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?	38a		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40 a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ , section 4955 ▶ _____			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or 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 ▶ _____			
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. ▶ IA			
42 a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ THE ORGANIZATION Telephone no ▶ (712) 546-8828 Located at ▶ 28 2ND AVE SW City LEMARS ST IA ZIP + 4 ▶ 51031			
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**	42b		X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____	42c		X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43			
			Yes	No
44 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		X
45 a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		X
45 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

		Yes	No
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 . . . 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 . . . ☐

			Yes	No
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. . . .	47		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . .	48		
49 a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . .	49a		
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . .	49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) 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 Vernon Letsche Date 04/11/2012

Type or print name and title Vernon Letsche, Board Secretary

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☒ if self-employed	PTIN
MAX STUDER	Max N. Studer CPA	3/26/2012		P01272566
Firm's name ▶ MAX N STUDER CPA			Firm's EIN ▶ 27-5346832	
Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 1463, JOHNSTON, IA 50131			Phone no (515) 238-1766	

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

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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.

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Name of the organization: PLYMOUTH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Employer identification number: 42-0681039

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses. Unrelated business income taxes: 498

FORM 990 -EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES $93,799

SUPPLIES	632
TELEPHONE	1,596
EQUIPMENT RENT & MAINTENANCE	1,662
DEPRECIATION	63
FEDERATION DUES	44,541
REGIONAL & CAMPAIGN MANAGER EXPENSE	3,289
ACQUISITION	1,135
MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES	11,896
MEMBER PROTECTOR POLICY	1,973
SPOKESMAN	5,248
REGIONAL, DISTRICT, STATE MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	1,728
INSURANCE	1,029
SCHOLARSHIPS	0
AG & COMMUNITY SUPPORT	5,084
PER 990-T	13,199
INCOME TAXES	498
OTHER	226
	93,799

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20, OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON MARKETABLE SECURITIES	0

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & PREPAIDS	BEG OF YEAR	263	END OF YEAR	358

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS & RESERVE PAYABLES	BEG OF YEAR	719	END OF YEAR	10,879

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

Name of Organization	Employer Identification number
PLYMOUTH COUNTY FARM BUREAU	42-0681039

Name and title	Average hours per week devoted to position	Reportable compensation (Form W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	Contributions to emp benefit plans & deferred compensation	Estimated amount of other compensation
AARON MCNAUGHTON DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
BRUCE MANTHE DIRECTOR	1.50	0	0	0
JAMES TENTINGER DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
RONALD SCHILMOELLER DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
PATRICIA VONDRAK DIRECTOR	1.50	0	0	0
KYLIE SCHLICHTE DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
DANA MEINEN DIRECTOR	1.50	0	0	0
BEN JOHNSON DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
LUKE HOMAN DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
ADAM SCHROEDER DIRECTOR	1.50	0	0	0
BRAD HARVEY DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
SHIRLEY MCNAUGHTON DIRECTOR	1 50	0	0	0
MIKE JAMINET DIRECTOR	1.50	0	0	0
ROGER LOUTSCH DIRECTOR	1.50	0	0	0
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