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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code

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► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(3) must file Form 990. 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

MARYLAND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOC., INC.

D Employer identification number

52-1219442

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

500 OWENS ROAD (C/O BOBBI JEAN BOYLE)

Room/suite

E Telephone number

4107582007

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

QUEEN ANNE, MD 21657

F Group Exemption

Number ►

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 527H 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. ► \$ 186,107.

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 | |
| | 3 Membership dues and assessments | 3 | 1,100. |
| | 4 Investment income | 4 | 517. |
| | 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) | | |
| | 6 Gaming and fundraising events | 5c | |
| | a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) | 6a | |
| Expenses | b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 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 | |
| | 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 7a | 184,490. |
| | b Less cost of goods sold | 7b | 74,573. |
| | c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) | 7c | 109,917. |
| | 8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) | 8 | |
| | 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 | 9 | 111,534. |
| | 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) | 10 | 26,000. |
| Net Assets | 11 Benefits paid to or for members | 11 | |
| | 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits | 12 | |
| | 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors | 13 | 9,535. |
| | 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance | 14 | 380. |
| | 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping | 15 | 380. |
| | 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) | 16 | 66,152. |
| | 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 | 17 | 102,447. |
| | 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) | 18 | 9,087. |
| | 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 | 303,908. |
| | 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 20 | 0. |
| | 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 | 21 | 312,995. |

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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.

X

| | | (A) Beginning of year | (B) End of year |
|----|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 22 | Cash, savings, and investments | 236,496. | 253,300. |
| 23 | Land and buildings | | 23 |
| 24 | Other assets (describe in Schedule O) | SEE SCHEDULE O | 70,162. |
| 25 | Total assets | 306,658. | 312,995. |
| 26 | Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) | SEE SCHEDULE O | 2,750. |
| 27 | Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) | 303,908. | 312,995. |

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? CROP IMPROVEMENT

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 | CROP IMPROVEMENT | | |
| <hr/> <hr/> | | | |
| (Grants \$ |) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here | ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 28a |
| 29 | <hr/> <hr/> | | |
| (Grants \$ |) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here | ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 29a |
| 30 | <hr/> <hr/> | | |
| (Grants \$ |) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here | ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 30a |
| 31 | Other program services (describe in Schedule O) | | |
| (Grants \$ |) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here | ► <input type="checkbox"/> | 31a |
| 32 | Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) | | ► 32 |

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV).

Check if the organization used Schedule Q to respond to any question in this Part IV.

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 Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V

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

35a 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 N/A

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

37a 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? 37b X

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? 38a X

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter 39a N/A

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39b N/A

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► N/A, section 4912 ► N/A, section 4955 ► N/A 40b N/A

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 40c N/A

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 40d N/A

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40e N/A

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 40f N/A

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► MD

42a The organization's books are in care of ► MS. BOBBI JEAN BOYLE Telephone no ► 4107582007
Located at ► 500 OWENS ROAD, QUEEN ANNE, MD ZIP + 4 ► 21657

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.

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 ►

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 N/A

44a 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

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a X

45b 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.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 Sch C, Part II.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 48 | |

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

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 49a | |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| N/A | | | | |
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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." N/A

| (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000 | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ►

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

► *Bobbi Jean Boyle*
Signature of officer

► *2/27/2012*
Date

► *Secretary Bobbi Jean Boyle*
Type or print name and title

| Paid Preparer Use Only | Print/Type preparer's name | Preparer's signature | Date | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|---|----------------|
| | ROBERT T. VALLIANT | <i>R.T.V</i> | <i>2/6/12</i> | | P00040846 |
| | Firm's name ► CBIZ MHM, LLC | | | Firm's EIN ► | |
| | Firm's address ► 28614 MARLBORO AVE SUITE 103 EASTON, MD 21601 | | | Phone no | (410) 822-6950 |

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

► Yes No

Form 990-EZ (2011)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**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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MARYLAND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOC., INC.

Employer identification number
52-1219442**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:**

| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: | AMOUNT: |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| INTEREST INCOME | 517. |

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 7, GROSS PROFIT FROM SALES OF INVENTORY:

| INCOME: | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. GROSS RECEIPTS | 184,490. |
| 2. RETURNS AND ALLOWANCES | 0. |
| 3. LINE 1 LESS LINE 2 | 184,490. |
| 4. COST OF GOODS SOLD (LINE 13) | 74,573. |
| 5. GROSS PROFIT (LINE 3 LESS LINE 4) | 109,917. |

| COST OF GOODS SOLD: | |
|---|---------|
| 6. INVENTORY AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 7,280. |
| 7. MERCHANDISE PURCHASED | 0. |
| 8. COST OF LABOR | 0. |
| 9. MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES | 67,190. |
| 10. OTHER COSTS | 7,383. |
| 11. ADD LINES 6 THROUGH 10 | 81,853. |
| 12. INVENTORY AT END OF YEAR | 7,280. |
| 13. COST OF GOODS SOLD (LINE 11 LESS LINE 12) | 74,573. |

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 7B, OTHER COSTS:

| DESCRIPTION OF OTHER COSTS: | AMOUNT: |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| CUSTOM CLEANING | 5,116. |
| FREIGHT | 500. |
| SEED TESTS | 260. |

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|---|--------|
| <u>CHEMICALS</u> | 563. |
| <u>INSPECTION</u> | 110. |
| <u>BAGS, PALLETS</u> | 834. |
| <u>TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 7B</u> | 7,383. |

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: GRANTSGRANTEE NAME: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AG DEPT.GRANTEE ADDRESS: COLLEGE PARK, MD 20742DATE OF GIFT: 01/15/11AMOUNT GIVEN: 26,000.FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

| <u>DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:</u> | <u>AMOUNT:</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>MEETINGS</u> | 2,474. |
| <u>INSURANCE</u> | 390. |
| <u>ROYALTY EXPENSE</u> | 61,047. |
| <u>BANK CHARGES</u> | 50. |
| <u>LICENSES</u> | 2,191. |
| <u>TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16</u> | 66,152. |

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

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>BEG. OF YEAR</u> | <u>END OF YEAR</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <u>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</u> | 62,882. | 52,415. |
| <u>INVENTORY</u> | 7,280. | 7,280. |

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2011)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24 70,162. 59,695.

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

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>BEG. OF YEAR</u> | <u>END OF YEAR</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 2,750. | 0. |

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.