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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA

Doing Business As

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

Room/suite

PO BOX 640

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

PITTSBORO, NC 27312

F Name and address of principal officer

ARCHIE HART

PO BOX 640

PITTSBORO,NC 27312

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(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)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

WWW RAFIUSA ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation

1990

M State of legal domicile

NC

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

THE RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA CULTIVATES MARKETS, POLICIES AND COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT THRIVING, SOCIALLY JUST, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND FAMILY FARMS

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)

11

4

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

10

5

Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)

23

6

Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

10

7a

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

0

7b

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

0

Revenue

8

Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

642,590

9

Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

663,390

10

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

4,504

11

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

26,396

12

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

1,336,880

13

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

0

14

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

0

15

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

999,705

16a

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

0

b

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

181,881

17

Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

671,412

18

Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

1,671,117

19

Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

-334,237

Prior Year

Current Year

Expenses

20

Total assets (Part X, line 16)

1,763,050

21

Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

247,610

22

Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

1,515,440

Beginning of Current Year

End of Year

Part II

Signature Block

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

2012-05-09

Date

KATHY ZAUMSEIL DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

ROBIN MCDUFFIE

Date

Check if self-employed

☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

P00098611

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

BLACKMAN & SLOOP CPAS PA

1414 RALEIGH RD SUITE 300

CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517

EIN

56-1304727

Phone no

(919) 942-8700

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☒

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA CULTIVATES MARKETS, POLICIES AND COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT THRIVING, SOCIALLY JUST AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND FAMILY FARMS

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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 \$ 2,482,213 including grants of \$ 1,983,041) (Revenue \$)
TOBACCO COMMUNITIES AND AG ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THE TOBACCO COMMUNITIES REINVESTMENT FUND PROVIDES SMALL COST-SHARE GRANTS TO FARMERS WHO DEMONSTRATE INNOVATIVE MODELS FOR TRANSITIONING AWAY FROM TOBACCO AND OTHER COMMODITIES TO NEW FARM-BASED ENTERPRISES THESE SMALL CAPITAL INVESTMENTS HELP PRESERVE EXISTING JOBS AND BUSINESSES, LEVERAGE NEW INVESTMENT AND CREATE NEW JOBS AND INCOME FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S FARMERS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES IN 2011 THE PROGRAM AWARDED GRANTS TOTALING ALMOST \$2 MILLION FOR 182 NEW FARMER AND COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA THE PROGRAM ALSO PROMOTES KNOWLEDGE-TRANSFER THROUGH FARMER-TO-FARMER SHARING OF IDEAS AND RESOURCES AND BY USING TECHNOLOGY AND NEWSLETTERS TO CREATE LINKAGES AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION	

4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 496,501 including grants of \$ 4,500) (Revenue \$ 17,416)
FARM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM RAFI PROMOTES POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THRIVING AND SUSTAINABLE SMALL AND MID-SCALE FAMILY FARMS WE PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FACING FINANCIAL CRISES, PROVIDING HIGHLY COMPLEX AND TIME-CONSUMING CASEWORK THE LIMITED-RESOURCE FARMERS RAFI COUNSELS ARE ON THE BRINK OF LOSING THE FARM WITHOUT RAFI'S IMMEDIATE SUPPORT OUR ADVOCACY HELPS FARMERS SAVE OR GAIN ASSETS TOTALING OVER \$3 MILLION EACH YEAR RAFI ALSO EDUCATES FARMERS ABOUT RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND WORKS TO CREATE FARMER-FRIENDLY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, RAFI ALSO ADMINISTERS "COME TO THE TABLE" A PROJECT WORKING WITH PEOPLE OF FAITH IN NORTH CAROLINA TO RELIEVE HUNGER AND SUPPORT LOCAL FARMS	

4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 403,633 including grants of \$ 960) (Revenue \$ 128,749)
JUST FOODS PROGRAM THE JUST FOODS PROGRAM IS WORKING TOWARD A MORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FIBER SYSTEM THAT INCORPORATES ORGANIC INTEGRITY, AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE THE JUST FOODS PROGRAM CREATES MEANINGFUL STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS TO GENERATE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROVIDE A FAIR PRICE FOR FARMERS IMPLEMENTING JUST AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION PRACTICES THE PROGRAM ALSO WORKS TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE ORGANIC MARKET AND TO REINVIGORATE PUBLIC BREEDING OF ORGANIC SEED STRATEGIES EMPLOYED INCLUDE RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND COALITION-BUILDING	

	(Code) (Expenses \$ 170,435 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,889)
CONTRACT AGRICULTURE PROGRAM RAFI WORKS FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL FARMERS AND LARGE CORPORATIONS WE ENGAGE FARMERS DIRECTLY IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NATIONAL POLICY, ADVOCATE FOR JUST CONTRACTS AND FAIR RETURNS, AND TO BUILD VIABLE MARKET ALTERNATIVES, GIVING FARMERS A FORUM FOR DEFINING THEIR NEEDS AND ADVOCATING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF FOR FAIRNESS RAFI PUBLISHES POLICY REPORTS, FACT SHEETS, AND BRIEFINGS FOR INTERESTED PARTIES ON ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING THIS INDUSTRY, AND SERVES AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS ON THE ISSUE OF CONTRACT FAIRNESS	

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 170,435 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,889)

4e	Total program service expenses \$ 3,552,782
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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.	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	Yes	
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.		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. 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	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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.		No
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.		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.		No
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.		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.	Yes	
b	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.		No
c	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.		No
d	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.		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	Yes	
f	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 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.		No
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.	Yes	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.		No
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 U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.		No
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 U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.		No
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.		No
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.		No
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.		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		
20b			

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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> . . . 	21	Yes	
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> . . . 	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 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>	23		No
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 questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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>	25a		No
b	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>	25b		No
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>	26		No
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>	27		No
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)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
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>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
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>	32		No
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> 	33		No
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> 	34	Yes	
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> 	35b		No
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> 	36		No
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> 	37		No
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	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V			
		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	243	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes
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. .	23	
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 (see instructions).		2b	Yes
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a	No
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 or securities account)?	4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for 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	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b	No
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		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	No
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	No
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	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		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	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.		13a	
b Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		13b	
c Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand.		13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		No
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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
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		No

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	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?		No
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made 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 made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. KATHY ZAUMSEIL PO BOX 640 PITTSBORO, NC 27312 (919) 542-1396

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- 1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ARCHIE HART PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) ALEX HITT VICE PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) RANDI ILYSE ROTH TREASURER(JULY - DECEMBER)	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) MARY HENDRICKSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) TOM TRANTHAM BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) DR ALTON THOMPSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) BRENDA BRODIE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) FLOYD B MCKISSICK JR TREASURER (JANUARY - JUNE)	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(9) HELEN VINTON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) KATHRYN J WALLER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) JOE SCHROEDER STAFF REPRESENTATIVE	40.00	X						45,670	0	2,267
(12) LINDA SHAW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				53,159	0	7,449
(13) SCOTT MARLOW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				63,840	0	9,484
(14) KATHY ZAUMSEIL SECRETARY	40.00			X				68,141	0	6,199
(15) ROBIN ITEN PORTER FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.00			X				62,770	0	12,630

Part VII

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	293,580	0	38,029

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 0

		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	No
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	No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
STEVE ETKA 1301 HANCOCK AVENUE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301	CONSULTING/LOBBYING	115,120

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶1

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					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	320,875				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	457,258				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			778,133			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	SRV CONTRACTS & HONORA	900099	231,589	231,589			
	b	REGISTRATION FEES	900099	7,448	7,448			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			239,037			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		2,536			2,536	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
		25,894						
		3,769						
		22,125						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		22,125			22,125	
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other				
		10,052						
		10,418						
		-366						
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-366			-366	
	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			1,041,465	239,037	0	24,295	

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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(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 United States See Part IV, line 21	1,093,907	1,093,907		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	894,594	894,594		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	331,610	211,832	91,247	28,531
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	570,325	470,774	1,585	97,966
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	190,710	153,746	7,723	29,241
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	40,767	23,242	14,886	2,639
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	71,810	56,538	3,392	11,880
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	20,704	7,865	10,143	2,696
17	Travel	100,247	98,676	1,020	551
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	52,899	47,700	3,439	1,760
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	29,921	16,236	13,685	
23	Insurance	5,339		5,339	
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	CONSULTANTS	469,655	465,221	875	3,559
b	EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	14,302	8,612	4,613	1,077
c	MEMBERSHIPS/SUBSCRIPTIO	6,526	3,336	1,209	1,981
d	MISCELLANEOUS	610	503	107	
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	3,893,926	3,552,782	159,263	181,881
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			106,485	1	248,381
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			489,303	2	154,838
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			175,682	3	356,158
	4	Accounts receivable, net			98,477	4	55,739
	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			11,529	9	9,987
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	1,128,432			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	290,135	868,636	10c	838,297
	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			12,938	15	19,229
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			1,763,050	16	1,682,629
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			174,487	17	36,348
	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	150,000
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D			73,123	25	68,681
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			247,610	26	255,029
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			1,213,513	27	689,016
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			301,927	28	738,584
	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				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			1,515,440	33	1,427,600
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			1,763,050	34	1,682,629

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,041,465
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,893,926
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,852,461
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,515,440
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	2,764,621
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,427,600

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☒

		Yes	No
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?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 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	Yes	
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 separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated 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?		No
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		

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

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Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA	Employer identification number 56-1704863
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Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

☒

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9

☐

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety Se**section 509(a)(4).**
- 11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

☐

If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

☐

Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

☐

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,362,911	1,447,501	701,785	642,590	778,132	4,932,919
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,362,911	1,447,501	701,785	642,590	778,132	4,932,919
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,054,142
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,878,777

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,362,911	1,447,501	701,785	642,590	778,132	4,932,919
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	34,265	37,041	35,726	40,216	28,430	175,678
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						5,108,597

12

Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)

12

2,122,197

13

First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	75.930 %
15	Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	71.770 %

16a

33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b

33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a

10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b

10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part IIIPart III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15		
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16		

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17		
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18		
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
b 33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 56-1704863
Name: RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services
(Code) (Expenses \$ 170,435 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,889) CONTRACT AGRICULTURE PROGRAM RAFI WORKS FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL FARMERS AND LARGE CORPORATIONS WE ENGAGE FARMERS DIRECTLY IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE NATIONAL POLICY, ADVOCATE FOR JUST CONTRACTS AND FAIR RETURNS, AND TO BUILD VIABLE MARKET ALTERNATIVES, GIVING FARMERS A FORUM FOR DEFINING THEIR NEEDS AND ADVOCATING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF FOR FAIRNESS RAFI PUBLISHES POLICY REPORTS, FACT SHEETS, AND BRIEFINGS FOR INTERESTED PARTIES ON ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING THIS INDUSTRY, AND SERVES AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS ON THE ISSUE OF CONTRACT FAIRNESS

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.

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, 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) or Form 990-EZ, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of the organization RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA	Employer identification number 56-1704863
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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 on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office 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 funtion 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 the filing organization made payments 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 (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- 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)	6,608	6,608												
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	66,164	66,164												
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	72,772	72,772												
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	3,821,154	3,821,154												
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	3,893,926	3,893,926												
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	344,696	344,696												
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		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		
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)	86,174	86,174												
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0												
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0	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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	179,038	270,637	297,551	344,696	1,091,922
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,637,883
c Total lobbying expenditures	45,978	51,944	57,713	72,772	228,407
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	44,760	67,659	74,388	86,174	272,981
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					409,472
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	224	341	2,742	6,608	9,915

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 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) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
		2a	
		2b	
		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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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2011

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA

Employer identification number
56-1704863

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure) ☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ► _____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

b

☐ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Investment earnings or losses				
d	Grants or scholarships				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs				
f	Administrative expenses				
g	End of year balance				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		168,229		168,229
b Buildings		908,720	257,569	651,151
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		40,573	23,152	17,421
e Other		10,910	9,414	1,496
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				838,297

Part XIReconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements			
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,041,465
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,893,926
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,852,461
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-1,825
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-1,825
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-2,854,286

Part XIIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return			
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,128,578
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-1,825
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	88,938
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	87,113
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,041,465
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,041,465

Part XIIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return			
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,982,865
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	88,939
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	88,939
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,893,926
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	3,893,926

Part XIVSupplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION ("ASC") 740-10 ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES, THE ORGANIZATION REFLECTS IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE BENEFIT OF POSITIONS TAKEN IN A PREVIOUSLY FILED TAX RETURN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A FUTURE TAX RETURN ONLY WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED 'MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT' THAT THE POSITION TAKEN WILL BE SUSTAINED BY A TAXING AUTHORITY. THE ORGANIZATION EVALUATES ITS UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS USING PROVISIONS OF ASC 450, CONTINGENCIES. ACCORDINGLY, A LOSS CONTINGENCY IS RECOGNIZED WHEN IT IS PROBABLE THAT A LIABILITY HAS BEEN INCURRED AS OF THE DATE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE LOSS CAN BE REASONABLY ESTIMATED. THE AMOUNT RECOGNIZED IS SUBJECT TO ESTIMATE AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF EACH UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION. THE AMOUNT THAT IS ULTIMATELY SUSTAINED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION OR FOR ALL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IN THE AGGREGATE COULD DIFFER FROM THE AMOUNT RECOGNIZED. IF APPLICABLE, PENALTIES AND INTEREST ASSESSED BY INCOME TAXING AUTHORITIES ARE INCLUDED IN GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES UNDER THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, THE TAX RETURNS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR 2008 THROUGH 2010 ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES. MANAGEMENT EVALUATED TAX POSITIONS FOR THE 2008 THROUGH 2010 RETURNS, AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND BELIEVES THERE IS NO INCOME TAX EFFECT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
PART XI, LINE 8 - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENT - 1,825
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS 88,938
PART XIII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS 88,939

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Open to Public
Inspection

Employer identification number

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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?

Yes

No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States
- Part II

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 ▶
- | (a) Name and address of organization or government | (b) EIN | (c) IRC Code section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance | (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant or assistance |
|--|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| See Additional Data Table | | | | | | | |
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Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

9

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

57
- For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2011

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES	145	894,594			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING GRANTS IN THE U S	PART I, LINE 2	SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2 THE ORGANIZATION SELECTS DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS FIRST, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS WORK WITH POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO ACCESS APPLICATION MATERIALS AND UNDERSTAND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ONCE APPLICANTS HAVE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING, THE PROPOSALS ARE TURNED OVER TO A REVIEW COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF FARMERS, MEMBERS OF FARMER SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS, AGRIBUSINESS EXPERTS, RURAL CLERGY, AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS THE REVIEW COMMITTEE SCORES THE PROPOSALS USING A STANDARDIZED RATINGS SHEET REVIEWERS THEN SELECT FINALISTS FROM AMONG THE TOP SCORING APPLICANTS THE FINALISTS ARE THEN INTERVIEWED AFTER THE INTERVIEWS, THE REVIEW COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING TO THE RAFI'S TOBACCO COMMUNITIES REINVESTMENT FUND (TCRD) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THE COMMITTEE THEN APPROVES FUNDING FOR EACH SPECIFIC PROJECT ONCE FUNDING IS APPROVED, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS WORK WITH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AWARD WINNERS TO DEVELOP DEMONSTRATION CONTRACTS THE CONTRACTS CLEARLY STATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING BY THE AWARD WINNERS AND THE TIMETABLE FOR REPORTING RAFI MONITORS DEMONSTRATION CONTRACT ACTIVITIES THROUGH SITE VISITS AND PROJECT REPORTS SITE VISITS ARE CONDUCTED FOR TWO REASONS FIRST, TO ENSURE THAT DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AS PROPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLAN AND BUDGET SECOND, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS AIM TO ASSIST FARMER PARTICIPANTS TO OVERCOME BARRIERS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM EACH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IS VISITED AT LEAST TWICE BY RAFI STAFF MEMBERS AND SOME MORE OFTEN, DEPENDING UPON THE NEEDS OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT DEMONSTRATION CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT INTERIM AND FINAL REPORTS ON PROJECT PROGRESS THE REPORTS ASK PARTICIPANTS TO DETAIL PROGRESS BEING MADE TOWARDS PROJECT COMPLETION, TRACKS IMPACTS, AND REQUIRES DETAILED ITEMIZATION OF EXPENDITURES (INCLUDING APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION) ADDITIONALLY, RAFI STAFF MEMBERS ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH PROJECT PARTICIPANTS DURING THE CONTRACT PERIOD IN ORDER TO ARRANGE INTERVIEWS, MEDIA COVERAGE, AND ASSIST FARMERS TO ACCESS OTHER RESOURCES

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Name: RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA

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AMERICAN PRAWN COOPERATIVE831 MEADOW RD WALSTONBURG, NC 27888	26-2686548		26,500				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
AVERY CO FARMERS MARKETING & EDUCATIONAL ASSOC805 CRANBERRY ST NEWLAND, NC 28657	27-2596808		5,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CAROLINA BLUEBERRY COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION 11421 HWY 701 N PO BOX 368 GARLAND, NC 28441	56-0554059		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CAROLINA FARM STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATIONPO BOX 448 PITTSBORO, NC 273120448	24-0040340	501C3	28,150				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CATAWBA VALLEY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION4391 HALL DAIRY RD CLAREMONT, NC 28610	56-1202751		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CNTR FOR NE COALITION OF MINORITY SLO & F 469 NEW RD 9 ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27909	90-0683417	501C3	30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS111 WASHINGTON ST WHITEVILLE, NC 28472	56-6000289	GOV	30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CR NATURALPO BOX 494 BETHEL, NC 27812	45-0708606		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
FAYETTEVILLE FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION THE PO BOX 53182 FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28305	26-2112283		8,500				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
JACKSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE ASSOCIATIONPO BOX 425 GLANVILLE, NC 28736	80-0672040		13,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
LENOIR COUNTYP O BOX 3289 KINSTON, NC 28502	56-6000314	GOV	22,596				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
LOOKING BACK FARMS589 CHINQUAPIN RD TYNER, NC 27980	20-0479891		30,500				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
NAGS HEAD PRODUCE INC317 NAGS WAY CT NAGS HEAD, NC 27959	26-4720155		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
NC AGRICULTURAL FOUNDATION INC THECAMPUS BOX 7207 RALEIGH, NC 276957207	56-6049304	501C3	29,680				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
NC COALITION OF FARM AND RURAL FAMILIES THE1820 S NC HWY 11 ROSE HILL, NC 28458	58-1788656	501C3	31,500				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
NC SWEET POTATO COMMISSION FOUNDATION700 E PARRIS DR STE C BENSON, NC 27504	56-2260618		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
ORANGE COUNTY PO BOX 8181 HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278	56-6000327	GOV	34,323				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
PIEDMONT CONSERVATION COUNCIL721 FOSTER ST RM 228 DURHAM, NC 27701	58-1798988		7,700				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTPO BOX 236 COLUMBUS, NC 28722	56-1176838		19,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
REEDY FORK FARM 7092 SOCKWELL RD ELON, NC 27244	56-1287403		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

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RICHMOND COUNTY BEEKEEPERS427 SYCAMORE LN JACKSON SPRINGS, NC 27281	23-7084869		5,300				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
ROBERSONVILLE MEAT PACKING COMPANY INC800 W GREEN ST ROBERSONVILLE, NC 27871	56-1907524		8,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENTPO BOX 41 WENTWORTH, NC 273750041	56-6001527	GOV	30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SPARTA ALLEGHANY CHOOSE & CUT FARM ALLIANCE127 LUCAS ST SPARTA, NC 28675	45-1682511		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SW NC RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEV COUNCIL INC PO BOX 1230 WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786	58-1767801		17,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
TOWN OF STARPO BOX 97 STAR, NC 27356	56-6010163	GOV	30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
UNIVERSITY OF NC- WILMINGTON601 SOUTH COLLEGE RD WILMINGTON, NC 284035934	56-1258660		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
WATAUGA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET INCPO BOX 614 VALLE CRUCIS, NC 28691	56-2132544		18,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
WEST CRAVEN HIGH SCHOOL2600 STREETS FERRY RD VANCEBORO, NC 28586	56-1286861		30,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
WNC COMMUNITIES 594 BREVARD ROAD ASHEVILLE, NC 28806	56-0797766		20,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
YADKIN FARMERS MARKET1742 HUNTER DAIRY RD HAMPTONVILLE, NC 27020	26-2465942		29,975				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
ADDISON FARMS LLC4003 NEW LEICESTER HW LEICESTER, NC 28748	26-4188502		9,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
BLUEBIRD FARM 4178 BLUEBIRD DR MORGANTON, NC 28655	27-1644557		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
BUCK PIGG PLANTATION420 SUTTON RD MADISON, NC 27025	27-3368337		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
C & C DAIRY INC572 AM CHEEK RD FLEETWOOD, NC 28626	26-2643142		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CAROLINA COUNTRY FRESH LLC PO BOX 685 BETHEL, NC 27812	27-4644544		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CAROLINA FISH HATCHERY INC2424 THOMPSON AVE TURKEY, NC 28393	20-3951098		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CENTURY FARM ORCHARDS1614 RICE RD REIDSVILLE, NC 27320	26-0787370		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CORRELL FARMS LLC 1185 WOODLEAF-BARBER RD CLEVELAND, NC 27013	56-6082738		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
CROMARTIE BLUEBERRY FARMS INC4094 BEATTYS BRIDGE RD ATKINSON, NC 284219388	90-0514421		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

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DONNA S SMITH214 TAPP FARM RD PINK HILL, NC 28572	56-1029019		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
FULLER FARMS INC 2694 HESTER RD OXFORD,NC 27565	20-2694618		9,512				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
GREEN POND FARM 457 STILLWATER DR ROCKY MOUNT,NC 27804	20-1379766		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
GREENSLAND FARMS 668 MIDWAY RD BOLIVIA,NC 28422	27-1877905		9,500				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
H2O FARMPO BOX 701 MURPHY,NC 28906	32-0179797		6,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
HANKS PLACE155 MORNING RD EXT WINDSOR,NC 27983	45-1318403		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
HARDIN FARM & STABLES INC8208 MILLRUN R STOKESDALE,NC 27357	20-2867282		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
HEADWATERS OF POVERTY FARM465 POVERTY BRANCH ROAD BARNARDSVILLE,NC 28709	27-3962805		6,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
INN AT CELEBRITY DAIRY THE144 CELEBRITY DAIRY WAY SILER CITY,NC 27344	56-2071173		8,657				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
J & B HERB PLANT FARMS INC620 WELDON WRENN RD ROXBORO,NC 27574	56-1987405		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
J & J CONCEPTS LLC 971 LLOYD HOOPER ROAD CULLOWHEE,NC 28723	26-3102558		6,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
JACKSON'S AGRI SERVICES INCPO BOX 42 GLANVILLE,NC 28736	56-1771398		9,808				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
MISS ANGELS HEAVENLY PIES INC 253 HEART LN MOUNT AIRY,NC 27030	27-3998434		10,100				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
RABBIT CREEK BEE COMPANY LLC260 CORBIN COVE DR FRANKLIN,NC 28734	27-0561655		6,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
RASCOE'S GOAT FARM1724-B INDIAN WOOD RD WINDSOR,NC 27983	45-1495779		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SAND DOLLAR FARMS LLC7209 CAVINESS JORDAN RD CEDAR GROVE,NC 27231	55-0831513		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SHILOH'S GARDEN LLC841 SAND RIDGE RD MILLERS CREEK,NC 28651	20-5128255		9,816				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SLEEPY HOLLOW FARM & FRIENDS LLS PO BOX 2489 BRYSON CITY,NC 28713	99-0065203		6,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SMITHFIELD FLOWERS2080 YELVERTON GROVE RD SMITHFIELD,NC 27577	24-4573239		7,225				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
SUNBURST TOMATO COMPANY481 BASS RD NASHVILLE,NC 27856	56-2079736		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

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THOMPSON PRAWN FARM INC 5919 ALLIE MAE RD CEDAR GROVE,NC 27231	26- 4379612		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
TUCKER FAMILY FARM5510 CAMILLA DR CHARLOTTE,NC 28226	26- 2728971		7,416				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
TUMBLING RUN FARMS INC16628 RED BUD RD CASTALIA,NC 27816	56- 1887286		8,460				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
JULIAN MEADOWS INC5434 AMICK RD JULIAN,NC 27283	26- 3105030		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
K&F HONEY103 HOWELLS LN HERTFORD,NC 27944	90- 0677838		9,500				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
LATHAM FARM LLC 196 LATHAM FARM ROAD MOCKSVILLE,NC 27028	27- 0644511		10,000				FOSTERING FARMER INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

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 to provide any additional information.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	UPON COMPLETION, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 ARE MAILED TO THE BOARD. AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEET BY CONFERENCE CALL WITH AUDITOR TO REVIEW. TREASURER/AUDIT FINANCE CHAIR PROVIDES REPORT TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD FORMALLY ACCEPTS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS MONITORED WHENEVER A SITUATION ARISES THAT COULD BE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. ADDITIONALLY, DISCLOSURES BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE MADE ANNUALLY.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	IN THE FALL OF 2010, RAFI COMMISSIONED A MARKET COMPENSATION STUDY. THE STUDY WAS BASED ON MARKET RATES FOR COMPARABLE JOBS IN COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS (SIZE, NONPROFIT, ETC.). SALARIES FOR THE FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND TWO PROGRAM DIRECTORS WERE FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW MARKET RATES. AT ITS 12/13/10 MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE 1/1/11 BASED ON THE COMPARABILITY DATA.
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	CHANGE IN VALUE OF SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENT -1,825. TRANSFER OF RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE NET ASSETS 2,766,446. TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5: 2,764,621.
OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT	FORM 990, PART XII- FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/REPORTING, LINE 2C	THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSEES THE SELECTION OF THE AUDITORS AND THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION. NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No
(1) RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE PO BOX 640 PITTSBORO, NC 27312 06-1656357	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION	NC	501(C)(3)	509(A) 3 TYPE III	RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA		No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations

(Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35A, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Sale of assets to related organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

h Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

n Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

o Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

1b

1c

1d

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No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

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No

No

No

No

No

No

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE	H	2,784,478	GRANTS REC BOOK VALUE
(2) RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE	H	65,734	ACCTS REC BOOK VALUE
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Schedule R (Form 990) 2011

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

[illegible]

Part VII

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED ORGANIZATIONS	SCHEDULE R, PART V, LINES 1 & 2	ALL ACTIVITES OF RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE WERE ASSUMED BY RAFI-USA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011 ON THIS DATE, RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE TRANSFERRED GRANTS RECEIVABLE OF \$2,784,478 AND ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE OF \$65,734 TO RAFI-USA IN ADDITION, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF \$83,766 AND NET ASSETS OF \$2,766,446 WERE TRANSFERRED FROM RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE TO RAFI-USA