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▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.*

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                      |            |                                                       |
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| <b>B</b> Check if applicable<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Name change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Terminated<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | <b>C</b> Name of organization<br>ASSOCIATION OF ETHANOL PROCESSORS                                   |            | <b>D</b> Employer identification number<br>56-2459358 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)<br>816 SW TYLER SUITE 100 | Room/suite | <b>E</b> Telephone number<br>(785) 234-0461           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4<br>TOPEKA, KS 66612                                      |            | <b>F</b> Group Exemption Number                       |

**G** Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**H** Check  ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**I Website:**  [WWW.ETHANOLKANSAS.COM](http://WWW.ETHANOLKANSAS.COM)

**J Tax-Exempt status**(check only one)— ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)( 6 ) ☐ (insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**K Check**  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. **\$ 168,272**

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

|            |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    |         |         |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|----|----|----|---------|---------|
| Revenue    | 1                                                                                        | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 1       |         |
|            | 2                                                                                        | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 2       |         |
|            | 3                                                                                        | Membership dues and assessments . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 3       | 168,272 |
|            | 4                                                                                        | Investment income . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 4       |         |
|            | 5a                                                                                       | Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |    | 5a |    |         |         |
|            | b                                                                                        | Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |    | 5b |    |         |         |
|            | c                                                                                        | Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 5c      |         |
|            | 6                                                                                        | Gaming and fundraising events                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    |         |         |
|            | a                                                                                        | Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |    | 6a |    |         |         |
|            | b                                                                                        | Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    |         |         |
|            |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |    | 6b |    |         |         |
|            | c                                                                                        | Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |    | 6c |    |         |         |
|            | d                                                                                        | Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (Add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)                                                                                                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 6d      |         |
| 7a         | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7a |    |    |         |         |
| b          | Less cost of goods sold . . . . .                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7b |    |    |         |         |
| c          | Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . . |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    | 7c |         |         |
| 8          | Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    | 8  |         |         |
| 9          | Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . .                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    | 9  | 168,272 |         |
| Expenses   | 10                                                                                       | Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .                                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 10      |         |
|            | 11                                                                                       | Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 11      |         |
|            | 12                                                                                       | Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 12      |         |
|            | 13                                                                                       | Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 13      | 112,492 |
|            | 14                                                                                       | Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 14      |         |
|            | 15                                                                                       | Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 15      | 1,395   |
|            | 16                                                                                       | Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 16      | 41,654  |
|            | 17                                                                                       | Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 17      | 155,541 |
| Net Assets | 18                                                                                       | Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 18      | 12,731  |
|            | 19                                                                                       | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .                                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 19      | 131,649 |
|            | 20                                                                                       | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 20      | 0       |
|            | 21                                                                                       | Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |    |    | 21      | 144,380 |

**Part II Balance Sheets**

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

(See the instructions for Part II )

|                                                                                                | (A) Beginning of year |           | (B) End of year |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .                                             | 146,649               | <b>22</b> | 144,380         |
| <b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .                                                         |                       | <b>23</b> |                 |
| <b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .                                      |                       | <b>24</b> |                 |
| <b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .                                                               | 146,649               | <b>25</b> | 144,380         |
| <b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .                                 | 15,000                | <b>26</b> | 0               |
| <b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . | 131,649               | <b>27</b> | 144,380         |

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

TO PROTECT AND SERVE A FRIENDLY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR AGRI-BUSINESS AND THE ETHANOL INDUSTRY

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

**28** LOBBYING AT STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE A FRIENDLY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR AGRI-BUSINESS AND THE ETHANOL INDUSTRY BY DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE ETHANOL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

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

**28a** 0

**29**

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

**29a**

**30**

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

**30a**

**31** Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

**31a**

**32 Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . .

**32**

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☒

| (a) Name and address      | (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.) | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation | (e) Expense account and other allowances |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| See Additional Data Table |                                                          |                                            |                                                                     |                                          |
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Part V

Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

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

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes | No  |
| 33  | Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 33  | No  |
| 34  | Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 34  | No  |
| 35  | If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but <b>not</b> reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |     |
| a   | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 35a | No  |
| b   | If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a <b>Form 990-T</b> for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 35b |     |
| c   | Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 35c | Yes |
| 36  | Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 36  | No  |
| 37a | Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |     |
| b   | Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 37b |     |
| 38a | Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee <b>or</b> were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 38a | No  |
| b   | If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 38b |     |
| 39  | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |     |
| a   | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 39a |     |
| b   | Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 39b |     |
| 40a | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     |     |
| b   | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .                                                                                                                                         | 40b |     |
| c   | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |     |
| d   | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |     |
| e   | All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 40e | No  |
| 41  | List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |     |
| 42a | The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> TOM R TUNNELL Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (785) 234-0461<br>816 W TYLER ST SUITE 100<br>Located at <input type="checkbox"/> TOPEKA, KS ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 66612                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |     |
| b   | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?<br>If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____<br>See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for <b>Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts</b> . | 42b | No  |
| c   | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?<br>If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 42c | No  |
| 43  | Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> _____ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 43 _____                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |     |
| 44a | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 44a | No  |
| b   | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 44b | No  |
| c   | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 44c | No  |
| d   | If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 44d |     |
| 45a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 45a | No  |
| 45b | Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 45b |     |

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|    |                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes | No |
| 46 | Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I |     | No |

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52.

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

|     |                                                                                                                                                            |     |    |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
|     |                                                                                                                                                            | Yes | No |
| 47  | Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II |     |    |
| 48  | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E                                                          |     |    |
| 49a | Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?                                                                  |     |    |
| 49b | If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?                                                                                         |     |    |

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

| (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000 | (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation | (e) Expense account and other allowances |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
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f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

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

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

Yes No

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

|                                                                                 |                                                               |                                                                             |      |                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sign Here                                                                       | *****<br>Signature of officer                                 | 2012-04-30<br>Date                                                          |      |                                                                           |
|                                                                                 | TOM R TUNNELL PRESIDENT<br>Type or print name and title       |                                                                             |      |                                                                           |
| Paid Preparer's Use Only                                                        | Preparer's signature                                          | CHERYL G HAYWARD                                                            | Date | Check if self-employed                                                    |
|                                                                                 | Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 | BERBERICH TRAHAN & CO PA<br>3630 SW BURLINGAME ROAD<br>TOPEKA, KS 666112050 |      | Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions)<br>P00016097 |
|                                                                                 |                                                               |                                                                             | EIN  | 48-1066439                                                                |
|                                                                                 |                                                               | Phone no                                                                    |      | (785) 234-3427                                                            |
| May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions |                                                               |                                                                             |      |                                                                           |
| Yes No                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                             |      |                                                                           |

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.

OMB No 1545-0047

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Open to Public Inspection

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<br>ASSOCIATION OF ETHANOL PROCESSORS | Employer identification number<br><br>56-2459358 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|

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?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4a | Was a correction made?                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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- |
|----------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          |             |         |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                            |
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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<br>(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   | (a) Filing<br>Organization's<br>Totals          | (b) Affiliated<br>Group<br>Totals                        |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)                                                                    |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| b                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)                                                                     |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| c                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| d                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Other exempt purpose expenditures                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| e                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)                                                                                           |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| f                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns                                                              |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| <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)                                                                                               |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| h                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                          |                    |                              |                                         |                                                 |                                           |                                                   |                                            |                                                  |                   |             |  |  |
| i                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -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? |                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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                               |          |          |          |          |           |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount<br>(150% of line 2a, column(e))    |          |          |          |          |           |
| c Total lobbying expenditures                                |          |          |          |          |           |
| d Grassroots non-taxable amount                              |          |          |          |          |           |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount<br>(150% of line 2d, column (e)) |          |          |          |          |           |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures                           |          |          |          |          |           |

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 |     | No |
| 2 | Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?                | 2 |     | No |
| 3 | Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? | 3 | Yes |    |

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  | 168,272 |
| 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).                                                                                |    |         |
| a | Current year                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2a | 20,752  |
| b | Carryover from last year                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2b | 7,744   |
| c | Total                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2c | 28,496  |
| 3 | Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues                                                                                                                                            | 3  | 38,703  |
| 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  | -10,207 |

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 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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2011

Open to Public  
Inspection

|                                                               |                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name of the organization<br>ASSOCIATION OF ETHANOL PROCESSORS | Employer identification number<br>56-2459358 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|

| Identifier        | Return Reference              | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OTHER EXPENSES    | FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16  | DESCRIPTION ADVERTISING AMOUNT 19,952 DESCRIPTION TELEPHONE AMOUNT 74 DESCRIPTION TRAVEL AMOUNT 6,635 DESCRIPTION REGISTRATION AMOUNT 2,218 DESCRIPTION MEETING EXPENSE AMOUNT 935 DESCRIPTION BANK FEES AMOUNT 235 DESCRIPTION CONTRIBUTIONS AMOUNT 4,400 DESCRIPTION INSURANCE AMOUNT 1,161 DESCRIPTION DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS AMOUNT 1,050 DESCRIPTION WEBSITE AMOUNT 689 DESCRIPTION MISCELLANEOUS AMOUNT 4,305 TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 41,654 |
| OTHER LIABILITIES | FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 | DESCRIPTION UNEARNED MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 15,000 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**TY 2011 Transfers Personal Benefits  
Contracts Declaration**

**Name:** ASSOCIATION OF ETHANOL PROCESSORS

**EIN:** 56-2459358

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

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 56-2459358

Name: ASSOCIATION OF ETHANOL PROCESSORS

Form 990-EZ, Special Condition Description:

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| Special Condition Description |
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Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

| (A) Name and address                                                    | (B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position | (C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.) | (D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation | (E) Expense account and other allowances |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| CHRIS STANDLEE<br>16150 MAIN CIRCLE DR STE 300<br>CHESTERFIELD,MO 63017 | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| STEVE MCNINCH<br>3022 COUNTY ROAD 18<br>OAKLEY,KS 67748                 | PAST CHAIRMAN 0 00                                       | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| JOHN BOTTENBERG<br>800 SW JACKSON STE 914<br>TOPEKA,KS 66612            | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| TOM WILLIS<br>300 N LINCOLN AVE<br>LIBERAL,KS 67905                     | VICE CHAIRMAN 0 00                                       | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| TOM LEITNAKER<br>1304 S MAIN<br>GARNETT,KS 66032                        | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| STEVE GARDNER<br>1304 S MAIN<br>GARNETT,KS 66032                        | SECRETARY/TREASURER<br>0 00                              | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| JERRY BYRNES<br>1020 E 19TH ST<br>WICHITA,KS 67214                      | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| GREG KRISSEK<br>310 N 1ST ST<br>COLWICH,KS 67030                        | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| BRAD RAYL<br>1630 AVE Q<br>LYONS,KS 67554                               | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| MIKE CHISAM<br>1630 AVE Q<br>LYONS,KS 67554                             | CHAIRMAN 0 00                                            | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| STEVE SEABROOK<br>3939 N WEBB RD<br>WICHITA,KS 67226                    | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |
| LEE REEVE<br>BOX 1036<br>GARDEN CITY,KS 67846                           | BOARD MEMBER 0 00                                        | 0                                          | 0                                                                   | 0                                        |