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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C **Connecticut Greenhouse Growers Association, Inc.**
 PO Box 11115
 Waterbury, CT 06703

D Employer identification number
 06-1315338

E Telephone number
 (203) 261-9067

F 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: ▶ N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (5) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 66,639.

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	8,181.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	24,143.
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	17,540.
	4	Investment income	4	116.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)		
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	16,659.
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	9,726.	
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	6,933.	
EXPENSES	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	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	56,913.
	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	19,326.
EXPENSES	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	11,292.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,060.
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	164.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	20,323.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	52,165.
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	4,748.
NET ASSETS	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	94,078.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	98,826.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	94,989.	22 99,465.
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25 Total assets	94,989.	25 99,465.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	911.	26 639.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	94,078.	27 98,826.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Schedule O

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

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28 Educational programs to train and retrain our growers in latest science & techniques.		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28 a	14,602.
29 Golf Tournament which raises funds for our scholarships.		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29 a	9,726.
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30 a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31 a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	24,328.

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 title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Diane Karabin President	6	0.	0.	0.
Mike Wrobel Vice President	2	0.	0.	0.
Ida DeFrancesco Secretary	2	0.	0.	0.
Joseph Valuso Treasurer	3	0.	0.	0.
Joseph Arisco Past President	1	0.	0.	0.
Phil Banning Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Debra Depiero Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Donald Dzen Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Dennis Fowler Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Chris Hallene Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Teri Smith Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Luke Zapadka Director	1	0.	0.	0.
Bruce Gresczyk Director	1	0.	0.	0.

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

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	X
35 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35 a	X
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	35 b	
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	35 c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37 a	0.
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37 b	X
38 a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38 a	X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38 b	N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39 a	N/A
b Gross receipts included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39 b	N/A
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911		N/A
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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	40 b	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955 and 4958		0.
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		0.
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	40 e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		None

42 a The organization's books are in care of Susan Pronovost Telephone no (203) 261-9067
 Located at 86 Bank Street Waterbury CT ZIP + 4 06702

	Yes	No
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country	42 b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country	42 c	X

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here ☐ N/A
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43 N/A

	Yes	No
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44 a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44 b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44 c	X
d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	44 d	
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45 a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45 b	X

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

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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

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

	Yes	No
47		

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

48		
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

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."

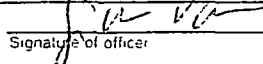
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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 must attach a completed Schedule A

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer 		Date <u>5/1/16</u>	
	Type or print name and title Joseph Valuso		Treasurer	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN
	Joan Buvarsky, EA	Joan Buvarsky, EA		P00125796
	Firm's name ▶ FARM CREDIT EAST ACA	Firm's EIN ▶ 06-0800610		Phone no 860-741-4380
	Firm's address ▶ 240 South Road			
	Enfield, CT 06082			

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization **Connecticut Greenhouse Growers
Association, Inc.**

Employer identification number

06-1315338

Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- b ☐ Internet and email solicitations
 c ☐ Phone solicitations
 d ☐ In-person solicitations

- f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
 g ☐ Special fundraising events

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 Golf Tournamen (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events None (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	16,659.			16,659.
	2 Less Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	16,659.			16,659.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	9,726.			9,726.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				9,726.
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				6,933.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
DIRECT EXPENSES	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'No,' explain

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a The organization's facility

13a %

b An outside facility

13b %

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$

c If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions)**Part I, Line 2b - Fundraiser Additional Information**
Golf Tournament

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

- Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is
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Name of the organization

Connecticut Greenhouse Growers
Association, Inc.

Employer identification number

06-1315338

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Advertising and Promotion	\$	529.
Insurance		1,680.
Miscellaneous		512
Office Expenses		3,000.
Program Activities		14,602.
Total	\$	<u>20,323</u>

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 911.	\$ 639.
Total	<u>\$ 911.</u>	<u>\$ 639.</u>

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

Provide educational programs and scholarships to train and retrain our growers in
latest science & techniques