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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 1545-1150

2015**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

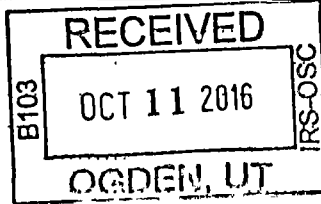
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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/15, and ending 06/30/16**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Ellis County Farm Bureau Assoc. Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 2809 Hall Street City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Hays KS 67601-0775	D Employer identification number 48-0584704 E Telephone number 785-628-2831 F Group Exemption Number ▶
G Accounting Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶ Website: ▶ N/A Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (5) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	H Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> 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 ▶ \$ 62,439	

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	10,003
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	39,598
	4 Investment income	4	12,838
	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	62,439	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	500
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	13,474
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	5,762
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	70
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	23,784
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	43,590
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	18,849
	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	333,206
	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	352,055



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

X

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	333,618	22	352,199
23 Land and buildings	728	23	38
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	174	24	782
25 Total assets	334,520	25	353,019
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,314	26	964
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	333,206	27	352,055

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

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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 All activities offered to educate and/or improve quality of life for members. Programs offered to all members include health, safety, citizenship and marketing.

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

28a

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

29a

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

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) _____
(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

31a

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

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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

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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		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)		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35c 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		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		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a		
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
39b 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 40a ; section 4912 40a ; section 4955 40a		
40b 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 40b		
40c 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 40c		
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d		
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed None		
42a The organization's books are in care of OFFICE SECRETARY Telephone no. 785-628-2831 2809 Hall Street Located at HAYS KS ZIP + 4 67601-0775		
42b 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: 42b		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: 42c		X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a		X
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b		X
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c		X
44d 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		X
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) 45b		X

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

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

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

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

(a) Name and 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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Signature of officer Stephanie Eckroat Type or print name and title </div> <div> Date 9-30-16 County Coordinator </div> </div>	
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ This tax return prepared by a non-paid preparer.	Firm's EIN ▶ Phone no	

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

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 at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Ellis County Farm Bureau Assoc.

Employer identification number

48-0584704**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses****Description****Amount****Operations**

Advertising	\$ 2,974
Vote FBF	\$ 35
4-H Promotion	\$ 75
Collegiate FB Chapter	\$ -54
Gifts & Flowers	\$ 866
Insurance: Master Group L	\$ 656
Insurance: Personal Prope	\$ 450
Office Expense	\$ 690
Reimbursed Exp: Other	\$ -889
Contributions	\$ 2,250
Board Expense	\$ 233
Taxes: Sec of State	\$ 40
Meals & Tips	\$ 2,471
Travel	\$ 423
Non-investment Depreciation	\$ 261

Expenses

Committees: Ag in the Classrm	\$ 800
Committees: Food Check Out We	\$ 69
Committees: Kids Ag Day	\$ 1,426
Committees: Political Educ.	\$ 8
Committees: Public Relations	\$ 441
Committees: Young Frmrs & Rch	\$ 4,264

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Ellis County Farm Bureau Assoc.**48-0584704**

Committees: Beef Day	\$	1,074
Meetings: County Annual	\$	4,459
Meetings: President's Trip	\$	-200
Meetings: State Annual	\$	761
Meetings: Other	\$	136
Seminars: Others	\$	65
Total	\$	23,784

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
	\$ 1,745	\$ 869
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 1,571	\$ 87
Total	\$ 174	\$ 782

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

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 1,314	\$ 964

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Primary Exempt Purpose

To promote the development of the most profitable and permanent system of agriculture; the most wholesome and satisfactory living conditions; the highest ideals in home and community life and a general interest in the business of farming and in rural life; and to encourage active citizenship responsibility in local, state, national and international affairs.