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Form 990

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2015, and ending 09-30-2016

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization  
WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
632 GRAND CANYON DRIVECity or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
MADISON, WI 53711D Employer identification number  
39-1567345E Telephone number  
(608) 833-7177

G Gross receipts \$ 1,940,711

F Name and address of principal officer  
JOHN FREITAG  
632 GRAND CANYON DRIVE  
MADISON, WI 53711H(a) Is this a group return for  
subordinates?  Yes  NoH(b) Are all subordinates  
Included?  Yes  No  
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

I Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 6 )  (Insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

J Website: ► WWW BEEFTIPS COM

K Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ►

L Year of formation 1992

M State of legal domicile WI

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

TO BUILD BEEF DEMAND THAT IS SUSTAINABLE FOR FUTURE GENERATION

2 Check this box ►  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	3	22
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	4	22
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	5	4
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	6	2
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	7b	

		Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .			0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .		1,762,131	1,917,897
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d ) . . . . .		2,473	1,078
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . . . . .		207	21,736
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .		1,764,811	1,940,711

		Prior Year	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3 ) . . . . .		15,000	20,095
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .			0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) . . . . .		271,096	287,790
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►0			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .		1,477,213	1,576,793
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .		1,763,309	1,884,678
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .		1,502	56,033

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .		424,999	513,485
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .		194,318	226,771
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .		230,681	286,714

## Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	*****	2016-11-29
	Signature of officer	Date
	JOHN FREITAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name BRENT NELSON	Preparer's signature BRENT NELSON	Date 2017-03-04	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01226202
	Firm's name ► JOHNSON BLOCK & CO INC			Firm's EIN ► 39-1628949	
	Firm's address ► 2500 BUSINESS PARK ROAD MINERAL POINT, WI 53565			Phone no (608) 987-2206	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . .  Yes  No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2015)

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO BUILD BEEF DEMAND THAT IS SUSTAINABLE FOR FUTURE GENERATION

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
PROMOTE BEEF AND VEAL TO THE CUSTOMER**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES INCLUDES ASSESSMENT REVENUES REMITTED TO OTHER STATES, BEEF BOARD, AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS TO THE CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION AND U S MEAT EXPORT FEDERATION**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
PROVIDE CONSUMER INFORMATION ON BEEF AND VEAL

See Additional Data

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )**4e** **Total program service expenses ►**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

**1** Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .

**2** Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)? . . . . .

**3** Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .

**4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.**  
Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .

**5** Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .

**6** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I  . . . . .

**7** Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II  . . . . .

**8** Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III  . . . . .

**9** Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV  . . . . .

**10** Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V  . . . . .

**11** If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

**a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI  . . . . .

**b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII  . . . . .

**c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII  . . . . .

**d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX  . . . . .

**e** Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X  . . . . .

**f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X  . . . . .

**12a** Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII  . . . . .

**b** Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional  . . . . .

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

**14a** Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .

**b** Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . .

**15** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .

**16** Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .

**17** Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .

**18** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .

**19** Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .

**20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .

**b** If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>		No
<b>2</b>		No
<b>3</b>		No
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		No
<b>6</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		No
<b>10</b>		No
<b>11a</b>	Yes	
<b>11b</b>		No
<b>11c</b>		No
<b>11d</b>		No
<b>11e</b>		No
<b>11f</b>	Yes	
<b>12a</b>	Yes	
<b>12b</b>		No
<b>13</b>		No
<b>14a</b>		No
<b>14b</b>		No
<b>15</b>		No
<b>16</b>		No
<b>17</b>		No
<b>18</b>		No
<b>19</b>		No
<b>20a</b>		No
<b>20b</b>		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .	22	No	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .	23	No	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .	24a	No	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .	26	No	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .	27	No	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	28a	No	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	28b	No	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .	28c	No	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .	29	No	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .	30	No	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .	31	No	
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .	32	No	
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .	33	No	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .	34	No	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	No	
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, 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," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .	35b		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .	37	No	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	38	Yes	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . .

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	7	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	<b>1c</b>		
<b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	4	
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .	<b>3a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>3b</b>		
<b>4a</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)? . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>	No	
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .	<b>6b</b>		
<b>7</b> <b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>	<b>7a</b>		
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .	<b>7d</b>		
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .	<b>7e</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7f</b>		
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7g</b>		
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .	<b>7h</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .	<b>8</b>		
<b>8</b> <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>	<b>9a</b>		
Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>9b</b>		
<b>9a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .			
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .			
<b>10</b> <b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>10a</b>		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .	<b>10b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
<b>11</b> <b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>11a</b>		
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .	<b>11b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) . . . . .			
<b>12a</b> <b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . . . .	<b>12a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>		
<b>13</b> <b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>	<b>13a</b>		
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	<b>13b</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .	<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>14a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>14b</b>		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure**

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . .

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

**1a** Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year

<b>1a</b>	22	Yes	No

If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O

**b** Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent

<b>1b</b>	22	Yes	No

**2** Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . .

**3** Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . .

**4** Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .

**5** Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .

**6** Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .

**7a** Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .

**b** Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .

**8** Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following

**a** The governing body? . . . . .

**b** Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .

**9** Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .

**Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**

**10a** Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

<b>10a</b>	Yes	Yes	No

**b** If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?

**11a** Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

<b>11a</b>	Yes	Yes	No

**b** Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 . . . . .

**12a** Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13

<b>12a</b>	Yes	Yes	No

**b** Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .

**c** Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .

**13** Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .

**14** Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .

**15** Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?

**a** The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .

**b** Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .

If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)

**16a** Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?

<b>16a</b>	Yes	Yes	No

**b** If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .

<b>16b</b>	Yes	Yes	No

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed►

**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply

Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)

**19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

**20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records  
►JOHN FREITAG 632 GRAND CANYON DRIVE MADISON, WI 53711 (608) 833-7177

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

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

<b>(A)</b> Name and Title	<b>(B)</b> Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	<b>(C)</b> Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					<b>(D)</b> Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099- MISC)	<b>(E)</b> Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	<b>(F)</b> Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Or director	Indi- vidual trustee	In- stitutional Trustee	Offi- cer	Key employee	Highest compen- sated	Form 1099- MISC		
(1) CHUCK ADAMI DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(2) AUSTIN ARNDT DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(3) MATT BAYER PRESIDENT	0.75	X		X				0	0	0
(4) CHUCK BORN DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(5) MIKE BOURKE DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(6) DEBBI CALAWAY DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(7) ALLAN CIHLAR DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(8) ARIN CROOKS PRESIDENT-EL	0.75	X		X				0	0	0
(9) JUSTIN DIEFENBACH DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(10) TOD FLEMING DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(11) VAL GAFFNEY DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(12) JAY HEEG DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(13) TINA HINCHLEY DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
(14) J SCOTT HOFFMAN DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Officer or director or trustee	Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee			
(15) FORREST JOHNSON DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(16) JEFF JONES DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(17) DAVE KONING DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(18) ROSIE LISOWE DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(19) JIM RYCHTIK DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(20) DAVID LEE SCHNEIDER DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(21) CRAIG STATZ DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(22) DWIGHT TRUTTMANN DIRECTOR	0 75	X					0	0	0
(23) JOHN FREITAG EXECUTIVE DI	45 00			X			74,344	0	34,253

<b>1b Sub-Total . . . . .</b>	►			
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .</b>	►			
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>	►	74,344		34,253

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

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .	3	No
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .	4	No
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person . . . . .	5	No

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Check if Schedule C contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . <b>1a</b> _____ <b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . <b>1b</b> _____ <b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . <b>1c</b> _____ <b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . <b>1d</b> _____ <b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b> _____ <b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b> _____ <b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ <b>h</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ►					
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>		Business Code				
	<b>2a</b> WI CHECKOFF DEPOSITS	900099	1,916,832	1,916,832		
	<b>b</b> BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE	900099	1,065	1,065		
	<b>c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> _____					
	<b>e</b> _____					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ►		1,917,897			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ►		1,078			1,078
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ►					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . . ►					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	<b>b</b> Less rental expenses					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ►					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ►					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a				
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . <b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ►					
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a				
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . <b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ►					
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .	a				
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . <b>b</b> _____					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ►					
	<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	Business Code				
	<b>11a</b> ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	561000	20,961	20,961		
	<b>b</b> OTHER INCOME	900099	775			775
	<b>c</b> _____					
	<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . .					
	<b>e</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ►		21,736			
	<b>12</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . ►		1,940,711	1,938,858		1,853

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX 

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	20,095			
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	108,597			
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	123,750			
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	12,311			
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	27,194			
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	15,938			
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	31,163			
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . . . . .	26,088			
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	95,911			
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	33,604			
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	4,456			
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	38,244			
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	38,364			
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	13,133			
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .	1,216,769			
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	9,681			
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	5,959			
<b>24</b> Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O )				
<b>a</b> CI/CONSUMER EDUCATION	12,127			
<b>b</b> CI/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PR	10,516			
<b>c</b> CI/CONS NUT EDUC PROGR	9,917			
<b>d</b> II/WCA QUALITY ASSURANCE	7,113			
<b>e</b> All other expenses	23,748			
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,884,678	0	0	0
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X 

		<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year	<b>(B)</b> End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	-1,787	<b>1</b> -11,665
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	216,515	<b>2</b> 296,482
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	3	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	144,445	<b>4</b> 153,946
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	5	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	6	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	7	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	17,055	<b>8</b> 22,793
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	8,416	<b>9</b> 19,631
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	74,412
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	10b	42,114
		40,355	<b>10c</b> 32,298
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	11	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	12	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	13	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	14	
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	15	
	<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	424,999	<b>16</b> 513,485
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	194,318	<b>17</b> 226,771
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	18	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	19	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	20	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	21	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	22	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	23	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	24	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	25	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	194,318	<b>26</b> 226,771
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>		
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	230,681	<b>27</b> 286,714
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	28	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>		
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	30	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .	31	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .	32	
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	230,681	<b>33</b> 286,714
	<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	424,999	<b>34</b> 513,485

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI 

1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	1	1,940,711
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	2	1,884,678
3 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3	56,033
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	4	230,681
5 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	5	
6 Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	6	
7 Investment expenses . . . . .	7	
8 Prior period adjustments . . . . .	8	
9 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	9	
10 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	286,714

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII 

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis

2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis

2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

## **Additional Data**

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**Name:** WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL INC

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

(Code	(Expenses \$	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$
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RESEARCH GRANT AWARDED FOR VARIOUS RESERCH PROJECTS INVOVLING BEEF AND VEAL PROVIDE INDUSTRY INFORMATION ON BEEF AND VEAL PROVIDE PRODUCER COMMUNICATION ON BEEF AND VEAL INDUSTRY INFORMATION

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Open to Public  
Inspection**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization  
WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL INC

Employer identification number

39-1567345

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?  Yes  No6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?  Yes  No**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)  
 Protection of natural habitat  
 Preservation of open space

Preservation of an historically important land area  
 Preservation of a certified historic structure

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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

a Total number of conservation easements

b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year  
► \_\_\_\_\_7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year  
► \$ \_\_\_\_\_8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	<b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	<b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

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

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

Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

Yes  No

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

Amount	
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII . . . . .

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	b (c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
b Contributions . . . . .					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .					
d Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
f Administrative expenses . . . . .					
g End of year balance . . . . .					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ►

b Permanent endowment ►

c Temporarily restricted endowment ►

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations . . . . .

Yes  No

(ii) related organizations . . . . .

3a(ii)

b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .

3b

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

	Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	Accumulated (c) depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land . . . . .					
b Buildings . . . . .					
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .					
d Equipment . . . . .			74,412	42,114	32,298
e Other . . . . .					

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . . . ►

32,298

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.

See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**  
 Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	1,940,711
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	1,940,711
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	1,940,711

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**  
 Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	1,884,678
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	1,884,678
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	1,884,678

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL, INC IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501 (C) (6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE. ONLY UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 512(A)(1) OF THE CODE, IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL, INC IS ALSO EXEMPT FROM STATE INCOME TAXES. THE CORPORATION HAS ADOPTED ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE FOR RECOGNIZING AND MEASURING UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS. THE CORPORATION FOLLOWS STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOME TAX ACCOUNTING AND GENERALLY AVOIDS RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC TAX POSITIONS THAT MAY BE CHALLENGED UPON EXAMINATION. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM TAXING AUTHORITIES IMPOSING INCOME TAXES FROM ACTIVITIES DEEMED TO BE UNRELATED TO THE CORPORATION'S TAX-EXEMPT STATUS WOULD NOT BE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE CORPORATION'S FEDERAL EXEMPT ORGANIZATION RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY ARE FILED. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE CORPORATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO SUCH EXAMINATIONS FOR TAX YEARS BEFORE 2012.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation

## Schedule I (Form 990)

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

**Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.**

► **Attach to Form 990.**

► **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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**Employer identification number**

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## **Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 2	REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE RELEVANT BOARD COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IS A PART OF EACH COMMITTEE'S BUDGET WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE BUDGETS ARE APPROVED BY THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AFTER THE ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED, WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL PERSONNEL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ASSISTED ORGANIZATIONS AND MONITORS THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECTS

**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  
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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	RESEARCH GRANT AWARDED FOR VARIOUS RESERCH PROJECTS INVOLVING BEEF AND VEAL. PROVIDE INDUSTRY INFORMATION ON BEEF AND VEAL. PROVIDE PRODUCER COMMUNICATION ON BEEF AND VEAL INDUSTRY INFORMATION
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND THE BOARD PRESIDENT PRIOR TO FILING

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	AT THE TIME OF EMPLOYMENT, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT EACH WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL BOARD DIRECTOR, AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, EXECUTES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT THE AFFIDAVITS REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF ANY RELATIONSHIPS THAT MIGHT CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND FURTHER REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO DECLARE THAT HE/SHE WILL NOT 1) ASSOCIATED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN A MANNER THAT WOULD IMPAIR THE ORGANIZATION'S INDEPENDENCE OR INTEGRITY, 2) DISCLOSE UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION, OR 3) ACCEPT GIFTS OR DISCOUNTS FROM RELATED ORGANIZATIONS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEWS ALL STAFF AFFIDAVITS AND DETERMINES WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS FOR ANY EMPLOYEE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD REVIEWS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AFFIDAVIT AND DETERMINES WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS ALL AFFIDAVITS OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS AND DETERMINES WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DETERMINES THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL STAFF SALARIES ARE PART OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AFTER THE YEARLY BUDGET IS SET, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SALARY IS APPROVED BY THE WHOLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	ALL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE WISCONSIN BEEF COUNCIL'S OFFICE. WE PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT IS HANDED OUT AT PRODUCER MEETINGS AND IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.