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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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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 10/1/2015, and ending 9/30/2016

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

C Name of organization: Farm Bureau Federation Mississippi Leake County Farm Bureau
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): P O Box 558
 City or town: Carthage State: MS ZIP code: 39051-0558
 Foreign country name: Foreign province/state/county: Foreign postal code:

D Employer identification number: 64-0396386

E Telephone number: (601) 267-4585

F Group Exemption Number: 1473

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify):

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. \$ 149,729

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		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	76,811	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	4	68	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
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	0		
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	0		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	111		
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	120		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-9		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	72,739		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	149,609		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	30,084		
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12			
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13			
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14			
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15			
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	102,806		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	132,890		

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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	15,609	22	37,247
23 Land and buildings	80,205	23	74,888
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	2,450	24	2,581
25 Total assets	98,264	25	114,716
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	344	26	77
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	97,920	27	114,639

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? To further the interests of farmers in Mississippi
 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 To unite through our membership those people or groups of people with a common interest in developing and improving the economic, social, and educational interests of the farmer (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a
29 _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a
30 _____ (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a
32 Total program service expenses. (add lines 28a through 31a)	32 0

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
Dott Arthur President	Hr/WK 5 00			
Andy Shannon Vice President	Hr/WK 3 00			
Jimmie Arthur Director	Hr/WK 2.00			
Danny Thorton Director	Hr/WK 2.00			
Kirby Nazary Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Ronnie Ingram Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Frank Merchant Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Wade Chipley Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Lovell McBeth Director	Hr/WK 2.00			
Jerry Corkern Director	Hr/WK 2.00			
Dian Grundy Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Dusty Shannon Director	Hr/WK 2 00			

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
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)?	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	X	
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		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
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
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?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40a		
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		
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		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. 40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		
42 a The organization's books are in care of Linda Terrell Telephone no (601) 267-4585 Located at 700 Hwy 35 S. City Carthage ST MS ZIP + 4 39051-0558		
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	Yes	No
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		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		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		
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		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		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		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		
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
45 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)		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.

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Yes	No
	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

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Yes	No

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

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Yes	No

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

49a

Yes	No

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

49b

Yes	No

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
Name None				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK .00			

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"

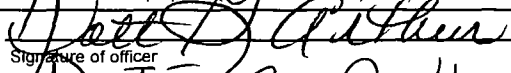
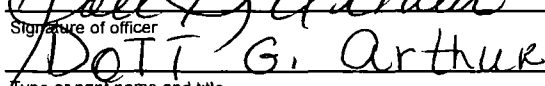
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	

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 12/29/16
Type or print name and title DOTI G. Arthur President

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name Joseph K Deese	Preparer's signature Joseph K Deese	Date 11/30/2016	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P01975770
Firm's name Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation	Firm's EIN 64-0303134			
Firm's address 6311 Ridgewood Rd, Jackson, MS 39211	Phone no 601-977-4305			

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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.

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

Name of the organization

Farm Bureau Federation Mississippi Leake County Farm Bureau

Employer identification number

64-0396386

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue Service Fees From Insurance Companies 72,739

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid Activity , Grantee Mississippi Farm Bureau

Federation 6311 Ridgewood Road Jackson MS 39215, Cash Grant 30,084, Relationship

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Schedule 2 102,806

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Prepaid 990T Beginning of year 2,070, End of

year 1,981

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Prepaid State Beginning of year 380, End of

year 600

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities State Tax Payable, PIC Payable Beginning of year

344, End of year 77