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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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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>11/1/2015</u> , and ending <u>10/31/2016</u>	
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 <u>Farm Bureau Federation Mississippi George County</u> Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>P O Box 735</u> City or town State ZIP code <u>Lucedale MS 39452-0735</u> Foreign country name Foreign province/state/country Foreign postal code
D Employer identification number <u>64-0435067</u>	
E Telephone number <u>(601) 947-2743</u>	
F Group Exemption Number <u>1473</u>	
G Accounting Method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) <u> </u>	
I Website: <u>N/A</u>	
J 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	
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u> </u>	
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. <u>\$ 152,641</u>	

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 ☒

	1	2	3	4
Revenue				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received				
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts				
3 Membership dues and assessments			75,234	
4 Investment income				425
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory				
5b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)				0
6 Gaming and fundraising events				
a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				
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)				
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)				0
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		766		
b Less cost of goods sold		758		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)				8
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)				76,216
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8				151,883
Expenses				
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)				28,553
11 Benefits paid to or for members				
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits				
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors				
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance				
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping				
16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)				109,701
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16				138,254
Net Assets				
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)				13,629
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)				140,571
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)				
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20				154,200

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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	104,248	22	121,010
23 Land and buildings	31,836	23	29,566
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,760	24	3,813
25 Total assets	140,844	25	154,389
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	273	26	189
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	140,571	27	154,200

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.

**Expenses**

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

To promote the interest 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

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 interest 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
Clayton Lawrence, Jr President	Hr/WK 5 00			
Mike Courtney 1st Vice President	Hr/WK 2 00			
Terry Estis 2nd Vice President	Hr/WK 2 00			
Ronald Smith Treasurer	Hr/WK 2 00			
Marshall Stevens Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Linda Estis Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Van Stringfellow Director	Hr/WK 2.00			
Charlie Howell Jr Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Dallas Holley Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Annie Ruth Thigpen Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Kendall Stringfellow Director	Hr/WK 2 00			
Heath Steede 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?	37b	X					
38 a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	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, section 4912, section 4955							
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	40b						
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	MS						
42 a The organization's books are in care of	Charlotte Yonge	Telephone no	(601) 947-2743				
Located at	127 Glen Oaks	City	Lucedale	ST	MS	ZIP + 4	39452
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	42b	Yes	No		X		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).							
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	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						
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	44a		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	44b		X				
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		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	44d						
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		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)	45b		X				

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

	Yes	No
46		X

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

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

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

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

(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"

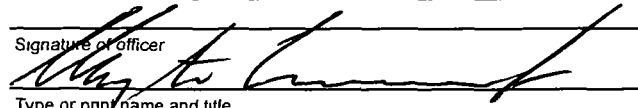

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name		
City	Str	
City	ST ZIP	

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 12-8-16		
	Type or print name and title President				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature 	Date 11/23/2016	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00631674
	Firm's name	Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation		Firm's EIN	64-0303134
	Firm's address	6311 Ridgewood Rd, Jackson, MS 39211		Phone no	601-977-4205

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

Name of the organization

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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Employer identification number

Farm Bureau Federation Mississippi George County

64-0435067

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue Schedule I 76,216

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid Activity Dues to State Organization, Grantee

Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation 6311 Ridgewood Rd Jackson MS 39211, Cash Grant 28,553,

Relationship

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Schedule II 109,701

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Prepaid Expenses Beginning of year 4,760, End

of year 3,813

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities Accounts Payable Beginning of year 273, End of

year 189