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Form **990-EZ**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

OMB No 1545-1150  
**2016**  
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**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016**

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

**C** Name of organization  
 CHOWAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 PO BOX 269

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
 EDENTON, NC 279320269

**D** Employer identification number  
 23-7022448

**E** Telephone number  
 (252) 482-7434

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**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

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**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. ▶ \$ 132,857

**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	
<b>1</b>	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>		<b>10</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	5,303
<b>2</b>	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>		<b>11</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
<b>3</b>	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	70,500	<b>12</b>	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
<b>4</b>	Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	62,357	<b>13</b>	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	435
<b>5a</b>	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>		<b>14</b>	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	5,101
<b>b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>		<b>15</b>	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	569
<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>		<b>16</b>	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	102,917
<b>6</b>	Gaming and fundraising events			<b>17</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . .	<b>17</b>	114,325
<b>a</b>	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>		<b>18</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	18,532
<b>b</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) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>		<b>19</b>	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) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	396,147
<b>c</b>	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		<b>20</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	
<b>d</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>		<b>21</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .	<b>21</b>	414,679
<b>7a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>					
<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>					
<b>c</b>	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>					
<b>8</b>	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>					
<b>9</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . .	<b>9</b>	132,857				

**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
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	122,425	<b>22</b>	151,508
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .	263,249	<b>23</b>	255,285
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	10,473	<b>24</b>	7,886
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	396,147	<b>25</b>	414,679
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O). . . . .		<b>26</b>	
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21)	396,147	<b>27</b>	414,679

**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?  
 PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED TO DEVELOP, FOSTER, PROMOTE AND PROTECT PROGRAMS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARM PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING

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)
<b>28</b> See Additional Data Table		
(Grants \$) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	
<b>29</b> (Grants \$) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	
<b>30</b> (Grants \$) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	
<b>31</b> Other program services (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . (Grants \$) . . . . . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a)	<b>32</b>	

**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
JEFF SMITH PRESIDENT	0 25	0		
J M PARRISH V-PRESIDENT	0 25	0		
JOHNNY LAYTON SECRETARY/TR	0 25	0		
HAROLD L BUNCH MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		
MARTY GOODWIN MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		
WILLIAM MONDS MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		
CAREY PARRISH MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		
JIMMIE M PARRISH MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		
CARLTON PERRY MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		
JOSEPH WARD MEMBER-BOD	0 25	0		

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Rows include questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and foreign accounts.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>46</b>	No

**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 . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>47</b>	
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>	

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

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

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

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

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

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

***** Signature of officer	2017-06-22 Date
JEFF SMITH PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name RONALD G PITTMAN	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-06-20	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00961757
	Firm's name ▶ A T ALLEN & COMPANY LLP CPAS			Firm's EIN ▶ 56-0119050	
	Firm's address ▶ 2245 GATEWAY ACCESS PT STE 201 RALEIGH, NC 27607			Phone no (919) 781-7550	

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

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 23-7022448

**Name:** CHOWAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

### Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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.)	
<p><b>28</b> POLICY DEVELOPMENT- MEMBERS WORKING IN COMMITTEES INVOLVED AT THE COUNTY, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVELS TO IDENTIFY ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE WELL BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICIES ON SUCH ISSUES TO PURSUE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PROCESS</p> <p>(Grants \$ )</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<b>28a</b>	







**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**  
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
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- 1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)
- b** Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)
- c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)
- d** Other exempt purpose expenditures
- e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)
- f** Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

- g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)
- h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-
- i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-
- j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?  Yes  No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
<b>i</b> Other activities?			
<b>j</b> Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	<b>1</b> Yes	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	<b>2</b> Yes	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	<b>3</b>	No

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization  
CHOWAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	OFFICE SPACE RENTAL INSURANCE 1,969 CLEANING/MAINTENANCE 8,245 REPAIRS 5,708 TAXES AND LICENSES 3,871 UTILITIES 5,527 DEPRECIATION 9,047 TELEPHONE 5,363 EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 54 OFFICE 2,297 CONFERENCES/MEETINGS 4,819 INSURANCE 1,920 DUES & PUBLICATIONS 442 EDUCATION 3,771 PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES 40,890 OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICES 6,930 EQUIPMENT RENTAL 560 DEPRECIATION 1,504 TOTAL 102,917

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EQUIPMENT 287 287 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 159 244 FURNITURE 36,346 36,346 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 32,459 33,507 LAND IMPROVEMENTS 25,269 25,269 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 18,811 20,265 TOTAL 10,473 7,886

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED TO DEVELOP, FOSTER, PROMOTE AND PROTECT PROGRAMS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARM PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	POLICY DEVELOPMENT- MEMBERS WORKING IN COMMITTEES INVOLVED AT THE COUNTY, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVELS TO IDENTIFY ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE WELL BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICIES ON SUCH ISSUES TO PURSUE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PROCESS

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29	PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES - TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY COORDINATED AND HELPED TO SPONSER EVENTS WITH OTHER AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO RAISE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND TO INCREASE FARMER'S PRODUCTION KNOWLEDGE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 30	AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT -PLANNED, CONDUCTED AND SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE THAT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS MAJORING IN AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD OF STUDY, INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND VARIOUS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES