

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2016**Open to Public
Inspection**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 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization NORTH AMERICAN STRAWBERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO BOX 992400
	City or town State ZIP code REDDING CA 96099-2400
	Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code
	D Employer identification number 31-0994392
	E Telephone number (613) 258-4587
F Group Exemption Number ▶	
G Accounting Method. ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶	
I Website: ▶ WWW.NASGA.ORG	
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 ▶ \$ 67,318	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	31,002
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	21,975
	4	Investment income	4	2,255
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	12,086
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	11,756
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	330
	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		
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	55,562	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	5,450
	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	21,890
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,926
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	38,211
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	69,477
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-13,915
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	132,307
	20	Net changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	118,392

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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

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	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	136,457	22	118,392
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	136,457	25	118,392
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	4,150	26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	132,307	27	118,392

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III.

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What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

STRAWBERRY RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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 TWO CONFERENCES SERVED 250 PEOPLE

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

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28a

29 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND UNIVERSITIES

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

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29a

30 FOUR NEWSLETTERS SERVED 250 MEMBERS IN US, CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

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

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30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

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

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31a

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

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Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

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

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(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
SCOTT THOMPSON PRES	Hr/WK 1 00			
BLAINE STAPLES PAST PRES	Hr/WK 1 00			
TOM HEEMAN VICE PRES	Hr/WK 1 00			
JAMI SIMMONS TREAS	Hr/WK 1.00			
CHARLES GRAY DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
LINDA PRITCHETT DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
KEVIN EDBERG DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
WILLIAM KROHNE DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
LIETTE LAMBERT DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
PAM FISHER DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
STEVE POLTER DIR	Hr/WK 1 00			
	Hr/WK			

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	N/A	
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	
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	N/A
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 See Attached Statement Telephone no		
Located at City ST ZIP + 4		
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 See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	42b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? 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	X
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

- 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"

(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"

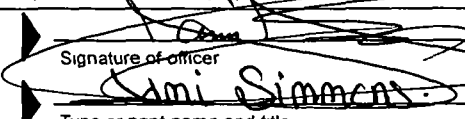
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Name None		
City ST ZIP		
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- d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

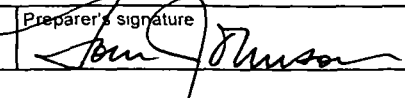
- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

▶ ☐ 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 11-14-17
	Type or print name and title Sami Simmons, Treasurer	

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name Thomas V Johnson	Preparer's signature 	Date 11/9/2017	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00609008
Firm's name ▶ Thomas V Johnson, PA			Firm's EIN ▶ 41-1958065	
Firm's address ▶ 15125 W Vermillion Cir NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304			Phone no (763) 434-8573	

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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NORTH AMERICAN STRAWBERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number
31-0994392

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid: Activity , Grantee NASGA RESEARCH FOUNDATION,

Cash Grant 5,450, Relationship

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Travel: 2,400

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Supplies: 400

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Telephone 682

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses BANK FEES 123

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses CONFERENCE - SITE EXPENSES 27,411

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses PAY PAL AND CREDIT CARD FEES 1,158

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS: 3,440

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses INSURANCE 386

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses WEBSITE EXPENSES 1,368

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE 843

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Beginning of year 4,150, End of

year 0