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Form **990-EZ**

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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2016

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▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2016, and ending

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

C Laurens County Farm Bureau
PO Box 408
Laurens, SC 29360

D Employer identification number
57-0358213

E Telephone number
803-936-4676

F Group Exemption Number ▶ 2393

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

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

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 ▶ \$ 107,394.

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	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	43,205.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	10.
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	4,440.
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	
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	
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	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	59,739.
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	107,394.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	47,582.
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	16,849.
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,898.
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	32,009.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	98,338.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	9,056.
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	368,909.
20	Other 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	377,965.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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	45,045.	22 53,659.
23	Land and buildings	239,511.	23 239,511.
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	84,410.	24 84,795.
25	Total assets	368,966.	25 377,965.
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	57.	26 0.
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	368,909.	27 377,965.

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

Describe the organization's primary 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

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

28	Provide a central location for services, the dissemination of information promoting agricultural interests and meetings.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	28 a
29	Sponsor county officers to attend and represent their county farm bureau at regional and national events.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	29 a
30	Sponsor county volunteers to represent their county farm bureau at meetings and events promoting agriculture.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	30 a
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	31 a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	☐	32

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

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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
35a 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	
35b 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	
35c 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
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	0.	
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a 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
38b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	N/A	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	N/A	
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	N/A	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911	N/A	
40b 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		
40c 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	0.	
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization	0.	
40e 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		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	None	

42a The organization's books are in care of SC Farm Bureau Telephone no. 803-936-4676
Located at 724 Knox Abbott Cayce SC ZIP + 4 29033

42b 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
42b		X
42c		X

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)

42c 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

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

	Yes	No
43		X

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

	Yes	No
44a		X
44b		X
44c		X
44d		
45a		X
45b		X

44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?

44d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

45b 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)

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

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

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

49 b		
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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 agent) based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Date

Eric Seymour
Type or print name and title

Tax Officer

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name **▶**

Firm's address **▶**

Firm's EIN **▶**

Phone no **▶**

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
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Employer identification number

Laurens County Farm Bureau

57-0358213

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

Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	\$	14,803.
CONTRIBUTIONS		2,575.
Office Expenses		4,866.
STATE DUES		9,765.
Total	\$	32,009.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 34,315.	\$ 34,315.
INVESTMENT LLC	50,095.	50,480.
Total	\$ 84,410.	\$ 84,795.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE	\$ -13.	\$ 0.
FUTA	84.	0.
MEDICARE - COMPANY	-1.	0.
MEDICARE - EMPLOYEE	-1.	0.
SOCIAL SECURITY - COMPANY	-5.	0.
SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYEE	-5.	0.
SUTA	-2.	0.
Total	\$ 57.	\$ 0.

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

Promote agricultural interests and to optimize the lives of those involved in
agriculture while being respectful to the needs and concerns of all citizens in
our state.

Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

<u>Description</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Program Service Expenses</u>
Fund and engage organization's volunteers (members) to promote agricultural and consumer education through various state and local agricultural literacy programs. Includes Foreign Grants: No		
Work through organization's volunteers (members) to prompt conversations about agriculture through promotional, educational and professional events and other opportunities.		

Name of the organization

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Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31 (continued)
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Description	Grants	Program Service Expenses
Includes Foreign Grants: No		
Total	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

Form 990-EZ, Part IV
List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

Name and Title	Average Hours Per Week Devoted	Compensation	Health Benefits & Contrib- ution to EBP & DC	Estimated Amount Of Other Compen.
Doug Stewart President	0.3	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
Thomas Dailey Vice President	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Davis Gibbs Secretary/Treas	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Jim Ollis State Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
James Martin Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Billy Abercrombie Legis. Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Brandon Hurley YF&R Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Sarah Copeland Womens Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Marilyn Easter PR Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Kim Lambert PR Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
William Armstrong Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
George P. Copeland Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.

Name of the organization

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Form 990-EZ, Part IV (continued)**List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

Name and Title	Average Hours Per Week Devoted	Compensation	Health Benefits & Contrib- ution to EBP & DC	Estimated Amount Of Other Compen.
Posey Copeland, Jr. Director	0.3	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
Neil Crisp Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Ralph Holtzclaw Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Susan Curry Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Keith Martin Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Hazel Owings Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Madison Pitts Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Lewis Power Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Don Rackley Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Calvin Robertson Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Nolan Stewart Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Ray Stoddard Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Paul Wilkie Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
John Livingston Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Jean Johnson Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
Total		\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.