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Form 990-EZ

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

2016

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

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2016, and ending 06/30, 2017	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pend.	C Lee County Farm Bureau, Inc. 14180 Metropolis Ave Ste.1 Fort Myers, FL 33912-4331
D Employer identification no. 59-1110069	E Telephone number (239) 561-5100
F Group Exemption Number 1805	
G Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) _____	
H Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) - <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 _____	

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, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 185,737.

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	
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	11,978.
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	81,803.
4	Investment income	4	61.
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 exceed \$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	4,117.
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	4,306.
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-189.
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	87,778.
9	Total revenue Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	181,431.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	37,268.
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	67,207.
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	23,628.
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,706.
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	23,423.
17	Total expenses Add lines 10 through 16	17	153,232.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	28,199.
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	213,785.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	241,984.

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 the year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	61,383.	92,896.
23 Land and Buildings	152,764.	148,659.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	1,176.	1,113.
25 Total assets	215,323.	242,668.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,538.	684.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	213,785.	241,984.

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? Education Information Economic

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, or other relevant information for each program title.

28 SEE SCHEDULE O

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 28a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 29a

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 30a

31 Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐ 31a

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

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 (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Russell Parker Director	.5	0.	0.	0.
Richard Voellinger Sec/Treas	.5	0.	0.	0.
Tim Eckert President	5	0.	0.	0.
Keith Cuncell Director	.5	0.	0.	0.
Richard Pritchett, IV Vice President	1	0.	0.	0.
Matt Griffin Director	.5	0.	0.	0.
Chad Flint Director	.5	0.	0.	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 ☒ **X**

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	
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)	34	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 line 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	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	35b	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	35c	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	36	X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 37a 0	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 unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b	39b	
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 40a ; section 4912 40a ; section 4955 40a	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	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 40c	40c	
d Section 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d	40d	
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	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. Florida		
42 a The organization's books are in care of Tami Caraway Tel. no 239-561-5100 Located at 14180 Metropolis Ave Ste 1, Ft. Myers ZIP + 4 33912-4331		
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)?	42b	X
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).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of 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 <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44a 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	
45a 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 instr.)	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 operating 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(s) a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the 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 from the organization (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 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 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 and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sign Here

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 Timothy W. Ebert Date 11/1/17

Type or print name and title. PRESIDENT

Print preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed ☐ PTIN

Paid Preparer Use Only 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

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/forms990.

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Name of the organization

Lee County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Employer identification number

59-1110069

Part I, Line 8 - Other Revenue

Service Fees	87,777.
Sales Tax Collected	1.
	<u>87,778.</u>

Part I, Line 10 - Expenses - Grants and similar amounts paid

Florida Farm Bureau Federation Dues	37,268.	
Totals:	<u>37,268.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
Office Expense	2,322.
Meeting & Travel	7,105.
Sales Tax	1.
Young Farmer & Rancher	6,370.
Awards	475.
Contributions	652.
Eqpt Rent/Lease	4,905.
Advertising	1,106.
Special Proj/Prom	412.
Tax Penalty	75.
Totals:	<u>23,423.</u>

Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

Deposits	440.
Inventory	673.
	<u>1,113.</u>

Part II, Line 26 - Other Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	684.
	<u>684.</u>

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Page 2, Part III - Line 31, Other Program ServicesDescription

28) The members of the Lee County helped with the youth fair which works for the betterment of agriculture by demonstrating how to properly care for livestock in a humane atmosphere. The county Farm Bureau sponsored awards to encourage good animal stewardship.

29) Lee County members gave educational workshops and seminars on proper handling techniques of apairiy and best management practices. They also worked with individuals who wanted to learn to manage bees.

30) Our county farm bureau members want to keep up to date of the issues that impact agriculture in our county. By attending the Gulf Citrus Expo members have industry fellowship opporunities with other growers, industry leaders, decision-makers and vendors. They also attend sessions on various topics including production practices, new varieties of citrus, food safety, controlling and managing psyllids, just to name a few.