

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)

2017

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2017, and ending

- Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Union County Farm Bureau, 226 Harwood Hgts., Union, SC 29379

D Employer identification number 23-7194027, E Telephone number 803-936-4676, F Group Exemption Number 2393

Accounting Method: [X] Cash, [] Accrual, Other (specify) Website: N/A Tax-exempt status: [] 501(c)(3), [X] 501(c)(5), [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

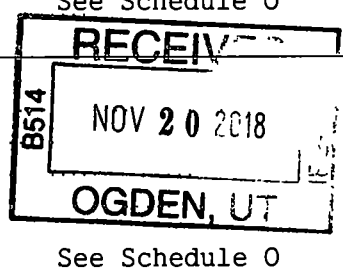
H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation, [] Trust, [] Association, [] Other 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 \$ 63,917.

Part II 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 [X]

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Table with 21 rows and 2 columns. Rows include: 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received (30,555); 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (500); 3 Membership dues and assessments; 4 Investment income; 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory; 5b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses; 5c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory; 6 Gaming and fundraising events; 6a Gross income from gaming; 6b Gross income from fundraising events; 6c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events; 6d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events; 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances; 7b Less cost of goods sold; 7c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory; 8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O; 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 (63,917); 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O); 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) See Schedule O; 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 (58,036); 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) (5,881); 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) (113,529); 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 (119,410).



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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	22 22,615.	22 29,298.
23 Land and buildings	23 74,955.	23 74,955.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	24 16,004.	24 16,004.
25 Total assets	25 113,574.	25 120,257.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See Schedule O	26 45.	26 847.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	27 113,529.	27 119,410.

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? See Schedule O

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 <u>Provide a central location for services, the dissemination of information promoting agricultural interests and meetings.</u>		
(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28 a	
29 <u>Sponsor county officers to attend and represent their county farm bureau at regional and national events.</u>		
(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29 a	
30 <u>Sponsor county volunteers to represent their county farm bureau at meetings and events promoting agriculture.</u>		
(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30 a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O</u>		
(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31 a	
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 (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
<u>Marshall O'Shields</u> Vice President	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Steve Freeman</u> President	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Henry Sprouse</u> Secretary/Treas	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Allen Owens, Sr.</u> State Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Tyler Crocker</u> YF&R Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Raymond Sligh</u> PR Comm Chr	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Otis Hembree</u> Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Kent Wells</u> Director	0.3	0.	0.	0.
<u>Wilbur Smith</u> Director	0.3	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

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS?
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents?
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities?
35b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
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?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
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?
38b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911
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?
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
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed

42a The organization's books are in care of SC Farm Bureau Telephone no 803-936-4676
Located at 724 Knox Abbott Drive Cayce SC ZIP + 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)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)

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

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
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?
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)?

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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 46: Yes (shaded), No (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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 47: Yes (shaded), No (shaded)

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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 48: Yes (shaded), No (shaded)

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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 49a: Yes (shaded), No (shaded)

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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 49b: Yes (shaded), No (shaded)

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.'

Table with 5 columns: (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.'

Table with 3 columns: (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.

Sign Here: Signature of Eric Seymour, Date 11/5/18, Type or print name and title: Eric Seymour, Tax Officer

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature (Non-Paid Preparer), 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)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No 1545-0047

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.

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Name of the organization

Union County Farm Bureau

Employer identification number

23-7194027

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8
Other Revenue

Service Fees	\$ 31,625.
Miscellaneous Income	1,237.
Total	\$ 32,862.

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

Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	\$ 3,641.
CONTRIBUTIONS	932.
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	201.
Office Expenses	2,251.
PAC	-5.
STATE DUES	9,555.
Total	\$ 16,575.

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

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 16,004.	\$ 16,004.
Total	\$ 16,004.	\$ 16,004.

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

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
401K PAYABLE	\$ 0.	\$ 120.
401K PAYABLE CO	0.	80.
FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE	0.	155.
FUTA	45.	42.
MEDICARE - COMPANY	0.	33.
MEDICARE - EMPLOYEE	0.	33.
SOCIAL SECURITY - COMPANY	0.	141.
SOCIAL SECURITY - EMPLOYEE	0.	141.
STATE PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE	0.	100.
SUTA	0.	2.
Total	\$ 45.	\$ 847.

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.

Name of the organization

Union County Farm Bureau

Employer identification number

23-7194027

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

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