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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)

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Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2017

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

C Name of organization **21**
 Mississippi Peanut Growers Association
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) **21** Room/suite
 Box 284
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 Petal, MS 39465-0284

D Employer identification number **21**
 30-0381243

E Telephone number
 601-606-3547

F Group Exemption Number **21**

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

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B **21**
 (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ <http://peanuts.msstate.edu>

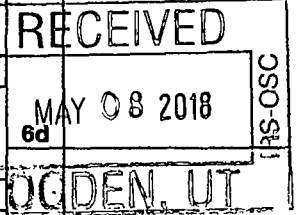
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (5) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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. ▶ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) **21**
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

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



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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	47,130	22 52,628
23	Land and buildings		23
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25	Total assets	47,130	25 52,628
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	47,130	27 52,168

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? Enhancing Production, Promotlon, & Utillzation of Peanuts

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.

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| 28 | Two day annual meeting and trade show for Growers to receive the latest research, agronomic and marketing information presented by University researchers, national organizations, and industry reps working in peanuts. Some 200 Growers, crop consultants, National Peanut Board staff and University educators attended. | | |
| 29 | Sponsored the 3rd year of the "Perfectly Powerful Peanut Game of the Week" with Friday Nites Under the Light! football show and webcast. 20 high schools were featured on the webcast(57 different schools in 3 yrs) plus peanuts and educational literature were given to the fans, webcast reported nearly 1 million likes. | | |
| 30 | Continued our 8th yr. sponsorship with MS Diabetes Foundation "Walks" and Superconference where peanut products were promoted as a part of the daily diet of a diabetic. This State-wide program has reached over 30 thousand diabetics and their families with newsletter and educational handouts, plus many direct contacts. | | |
| 31 | Other program services (describe O) | | |
| 32 | Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) | | |

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
Joe H. Morgan President		0		
Lonnie Fortner Vice-President		0		
Van Hensarling Board Member		0		
Alan Atkins Board Member		0		
Scott Flowers Board Member		0		
Bernard Jones Board Member		0		
Patrick Martin Board Member		0		
Malcolm Broome, Ph D. Executive Director		32,996		

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	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	☒
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)?	35a	☒
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	
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	☒
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	☒
37a 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	☒
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?	38a	
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	
40a 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	
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	☒
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Malcolm Broome Telephone no. ▶ 601-606-3547 Located at ▶ 141 Timber Lakes Dr. Petal, MS ZIP + 4 ▶ 39465-0284		
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	☒
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	☒
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		
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	☒
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	☒
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	☒
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	☒
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	☒

	Yes	No
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	46	☒

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 ☐

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

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.

Sign Here	<i>Malcolm Broome</i>	<i>5/17/2018</i>
	Signature of officer	Date
	Malcolm Broome, Ph. D., Executive Director	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN		Phone no.	
	Firm's address				

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
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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.
► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization

Mississippi Peanut Growers Association (MPGA)

Employer identification number

30-0381243

Part 1 - 10 Grant funds paid to Mississippi State University Researchers for their work on variety trials, insect pests, rotational studies,
peanut diseases, growth regulators, and peanut response to Nitrogen fertilizer

Part 1 - 13 Funding to the Southern Peanut Growers for marketing activities on behalf of MPGA across the Southern States ie Jacksonville
Womens Show, Taste of Atlanta, Birmingham Womens Show are examples

Part 1- 16 Sponsorship of the "Perfectly Powerful Peanut Football Games" coordinated by Friday Nights Under the Lights organization plus
travel and educational materials. Also includes funding for Board Members to attend Southern Peanut Farmers Federation Summer
Conference as a part of MPGA membership in the 4 State Federation. This is an educational program for the Growers in Alabama, Miss.,
Georgia, and Florida held each summer. The MPGA carried out the football program to provide educational information to school leaders,
patrons, and students, with the goal of helping schools not "Ban" peanut products by using an allergy management plan.

Part III - 31 The MPGA was involved with the Southern Peanut Growers helping sponsor invited Chefs for a two day tour in Mississippi to
see first hand how peanuts are grown, then on day two participate in "plus - up" where they prepared dishes adding peanut products to them
thus "plus- up" These chefs found peanut products to be tastee and useful in their restaurants, thereby increasing peanut consumption
MPGA once again featured peanuts on TV and Radio during March National Peanut Month, The interviews promoted new peanut products
developed in the past year, the peanut industry both in Mississippi and the Nation, and the health benefits from eating peanuts and peanut
products on a regular basis