

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

► 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/form990ez.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017

, and ending 12-31-2017

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

C Name of organization
CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

D Employer identification number

52-0624814

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)
PO BOX 547

E Telephone number

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
NEW WINDSOR, MD 21776

F Group Exemption Number ►

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 527K 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 ► \$ 47,079

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	25
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	43,010
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	517
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	3,431
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	3,342
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	89
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	96
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	3,422
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-3,326
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ►	9	40,315
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	6,350
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	6,838
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,708
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	5,227
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	20,111
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ►	17	40,234
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	81
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	97,692
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	97,773

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	98,227	22 97,201
23 Land and buildings	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	24	1,408
25 Total assets	98,227	25 98,609
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	535	26 836
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	97,692	27 97,773

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE

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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See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29		29a
(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
30		30a
(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32 31,888

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
BRENDA BARBER SECRETARY/TR	10 00	3,500		
DAVE BRAUNING PRESIDENT	2 00	0		
HARRY SELLERS VICE PRESIDE	1 00	0		
ASHLEY BARBER SECRETARY/TR	10 00	2,800		
WAYNE BARNES DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
BRAD RILL DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
DAVE CLAS DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
MATT HOFF DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
SARAH BOINOVYCH DIRECTOR	1 00	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? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O

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)

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)?

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

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

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

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?

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?

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

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities ► **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

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

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► _____

42a The organization's books are in care of ► ASHLEY BARBER Telephone no ► (410) 857-5503

Located at ► PO BOX 547 NEW WINDSOR, MD ZIP + 4 ► 21776

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)**

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?

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 ► **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

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

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

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

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)

	Yes	No
33		No
34		No
35a		No
35b		
35c		No
36		No
37b		No
38a		No
40b		
40e		No
42b		No
42c		No
43		
44a		No
44b		No
44c		No
44d		
45a		No
45b		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

	Yes	No
46		No

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

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

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2018-08-14
Date

ASHLEY BARBER SECRETARY/TREASURER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name WILLIAM G JONES	Preparer's signature	Date 2018-08-14	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00809206
	Firm's name ► WILLIAM G JONES CPA PC			Firm's EIN ► 45-3353924	
	Firm's address ► 73 E MAIN ST WESTMINSTER, MD 211575026			Phone no (410) 861-6204	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ► Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 52-0624814

Name: CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

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

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 PROMOTING AND PROTECTING AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPONSORING THE MAEF TRAILER FOR THOUSANDS OF COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING 3 OR MORE 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS ASSISTING WITH BEING A LEGISLATIVE VOICE FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND (Grants \$ 6,350)	28a If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	31,888

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

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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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES OFFICE EXPENSES 819 CONVENTION 5,855 MEETING EXPENSES 1,732 INSURANCE 2,381 YOUNG FARMERS 340 SPONSORSHIPS 4,570 AG IN THE CLASSROOM 163 BANQUET 3,122 BANK FEES 26 MEMBERS HIP FEES 840 MEMBER RELATIONS 133 PENALTIES 56 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 74 TOTAL 20,111

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	LAPTOP 0 1,482 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 0 74 TOTAL 0 1,408

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 535 836

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	PROMOTING AND PROTECTING AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPONSORING THE MAEF TRAILER FOR THOUSANDS OF COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING 3 OR MORE 1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS ASSISTING WITH BEING A LEGISLATIVE VOICE FOR OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND