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Form **990-EZ****Short Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

**2017**

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

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Internal Revenue Service

<b>A</b> For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>07/01</u> , 2017, and ending <u>06/30</u> , 2018	
<b>B</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 pending	<b>C</b> <u>Lee County Farm Bureau, Inc.</u> <u>14180 Metropolis Ave Ste.1</u> <u>Fort Myers, FL 33912-4331</u>
<b>D</b> Employer identification no. <u>59-1110069</u>	
<b>E</b> Telephone number <u>(239) 561-5100</u>	
<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number ..... ▶ <u>1805</u>	
<b>G</b> Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____	
<b>H</b> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
<b>I</b> Website: ▶ <u>N/A</u>	
<b>J</b> 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	
<b>K</b> 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 ..... ▶ \$ 193,530.

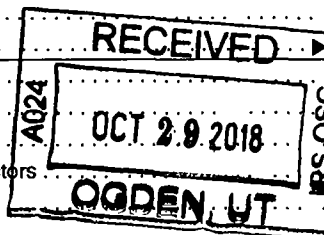
**Part II Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ..... ☒

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>	
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>	<u>65.</u>
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>	<u>87,443.</u>
	<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b>	<u>186.</u>
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</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)	<b>6b</b>	<u>13,450.</u>
	<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	<b>6c</b>	<u>6,345.</u>
	<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>	<u>7,105.</u>
	<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>	<u>2,909.</u>
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b>	<u>2,974.</u>
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>	<u>-65.</u>
	<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	<b>8</b>	<u>89,477.</u>
	<b>9</b> <b>Total revenue</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b>	<u>184,211.</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	<b>10</b>	<u>39,832.</u>
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>	<u>67,692.</u>
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b>	<u>23,661.</u>
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>	<u>2,316.</u>
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	<b>16</b>	<u>19,622.</u>
	<b>17</b> <b>Total expenses</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b>	<u>153,123.</u>
<b>NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b>	<u>31,088.</u>
	<b>19</b> 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)	<b>19</b>	<u>241,984.</u>
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>20</b>	<u>0.</u>
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b>	<u>273,072.</u>

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**Part III Balance Sheets.** (see the instructions for Part II.)

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

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		(A) Beginning of the year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	92,896.	22 128,418.
23	Land and Buildings . . . . .	148,659.	23 144,341.
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	1,113.	24 1,381.
25	<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	242,668.	25 274,140.
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	684.	26 1,068.
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	241,984.	27 273,072.

**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 ☒ X

**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

30

(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

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructionsfor 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		
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
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)?	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	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		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
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. <b>37a</b> 0		
b Did the organization file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?		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?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <b>38b</b>		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <b>39a</b>		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <b>39b</b>		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <b>▶</b> ; section 4912 <b>▶</b> ; section 4955 <b>▶</b>		
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 <b>▶</b>		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <b>▶</b>		
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		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. <b>▶ Florida</b>		
42 a The organization's books are in care of <b>▶ Tami Caraway</b> Tel. no. <b>▶ 239-561-5100</b> Located at <b>▶ 14180 Metropolis Ave Ste 1, Ft. Myers</b> ZIP + 4 <b>▶ 33912-4331</b>		
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)?		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <b>▶</b> 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.? <b>▶</b>		X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <b>▶</b>		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of <b>Form 1041--</b> Check here <b>▶</b> <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <b>▶ 43</b>		
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		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		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		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		
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		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.)		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?

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

- 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"

(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

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 *Richard H. Pittchett IV* Signature of officer *Richard H. Pittchett IV* Date *10/18/18*  
 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 G**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of organization

Lee County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Employer identification no.

59-1110069

**Part II Fund Raising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.  
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitations of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitations of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events             |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |  |

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No			
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
Total .....							

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

**Part III Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue	(a) Event #1 YF & R (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add Col. (a) through Col. (c))
1 Gross receipts .....	13,450			13,450
2 Less: Contributions .....				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....				
<b>Direct Expenses</b>				
4 Cash prizes .....				
5 Noncash prizes .....				
6 Rent/facility costs .....				
7 Food and beverages .....				
8 Entertainment .....				
9 Other direct expenses .....	6,345			6,345
10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				6,345
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				7,105

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue	(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add Col. (a) through Col. (c))
1 Gross revenue .....				
<b>Direct Expenses</b>				
2 Cash prizes .....				
3 Noncash prizes .....				
4 Rent/facility costs .....				
5 Other direct expenses .....				
6 Volunteer labor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) .....				
8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) .....				

- 9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities. \_\_\_\_\_
- a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "No," Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- |                               |     |   |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility         | 13b | % |

- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- 16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

- 17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b Columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

**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.

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Part I, Line 8 - Other Revenue

Service Fees	89,476.
Sales Tax Collected	1.
	<u>89,477.</u>

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

Florida Farm Bureau Federation Dues	39,832.	
Totals:	<u>39,832.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
Office Expense	2,253.
Meeting & Travel	8,918.
Sales Tax	2.
Misc	1,250.
Awards	475.
Contributions	183.
Eqpt Rent/Lease	5,104.
Advertising	1,424.
Special Proj/Prom	13.
Totals:	<u>19,622.</u>

Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

Deposits	440.
Inventory	941.
	<u>1,381.</u>

Part II, Line 26 - Other Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	1,068.
	<u>1,068.</u>



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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) We participated in an Ag Venture program held in Charlotte County. Attendees learned about the history of food and farming by the Seminole Indians.