Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

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

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990EZ](http://www.irs.gov/Form990EZ) for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning

11/1/2017

, and ending

10/31/2018

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization

Farm Bureau Federation Mississippi George County

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

Room/suite

P O Box 735

City or town

State

ZIP code

Lucedale

MS

39452-0735

Foreign country name

Foreign province/state/county

Foreign postal code

OS

D Employer identification number

64-0435067

E Telephone number

(601) 947-2743

F Group Exemption

Number ► 1473

G Accounting Method  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ►

I Website: ► N/A

H Check ►  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)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 ► \$ 152,511

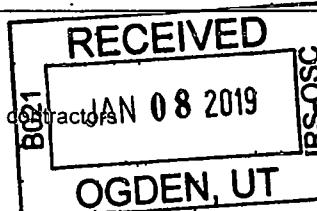
**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I 

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3 74,770
	4 Investment income	4 1,632
	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 0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events	
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a
Expenses	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$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 0
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a 160
	b Less cost of goods sold	7b
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c 160
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8 75,949
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9 152,511
	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10 27,387
Net Assets	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16 124,149
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17 151,536
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 975
	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)	19 155,171
	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	21 156,146

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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 

22 Cash, savings, and investments  
 23 Land and buildings  
 24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)  
 25 **Total assets**  
 26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)  
 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)

(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
124,522	22 128,652
27,297	23 25,028
4,600	24 3,745
156,419	25 157,425
1,248	26 1,279
155,171	27 156,146

**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? To promote the interest of farmers in Mississippi  
 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 To unite through our membership those people or groups of people with a common interest in developing and improving the economic, social and educational interest of the farmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29	<input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30	<input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)	<input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses. (add lines 28a through 31a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

**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
Clayton Lawrence, Jr				
Director	Hr/WK 1 00			
Mike Courtney				
1st Vice President	Hr/WK 1 00			
Terry Estis				
2nd Vice President	Hr/WK 1 00			
Ronald Smith				
Treasurer	Hr/WK 1 00			
Marshall Stevens				
Director	Hr/WK 1 00			
Linda Estis				
Director	Hr/WK 1 00			
Van Stringfellow				
Director	Hr/WK 1 00			
Charlie Howell Jr				
Director	Hr/WK 1 00			
Annie Ruth Thigpen				
Director	Hr/WK 1.00			
Kendall Stringfellow				
Director	Hr/WK 1.00			
Heath Steede				
Director	Hr/WK 1 00			
Jarrod Massey				
President	Hr/WK 2 00			

**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	X
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 lines 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	37b	X
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	38a	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 outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38b	
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	39a	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter	39b	
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► , section 4912 ► , section 4955 ►	40b	
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	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► MS		
42 a The organization's books are in care of ► Charlotte Yonge Telephone no ► (601) 947-2743		
Located at ► 127 Glen Oaks City Lucedale ST MS ZIP + 4 ► 39452		
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	X
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	X
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		
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	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	
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
45 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	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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

48 Is the organization 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 a section 527 organization?

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
Name None				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			
Name				
Title	Hr/WK 00			

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
Name None	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name	Str	
City	ST ZIP	
Name	Str	
City	ST ZIP	

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	1-3-19
	Jarrod Masseng	

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Joseph K Deese	Joseph K Deese	12/18/2018		P01975770
	Firm's name ► Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation		Firm's EIN ► 64-0303134		

Firm's address ► 6311 Ridgewood Rd, Jackson, MS 39211

Phone no (601) 977-4305

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

►  Yes  No

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Name of the organization

Farm Bureau Federation Mississippi George County

Employer identification number

64-0435067

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue Schedule I 75,949

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10, Grants Paid Activity Dues to State Organization Grantee

Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation 6311 Ridgewood Road Jackson MS 39211, Cash Grant 27,387

Relationship

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses Schedule II 124,149

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets Prepaid Expenses Beginning of year 4,600, End

of year 3,745

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities Accounts Payable Beginning of year 1,248, End of

year 1,279