

Form **990EZ**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

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

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018

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

C Name of organization
MITCHELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P O BOX 347

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
BAKERSVILLE, NC 28705

D Employer identification number
56-1009554

E Telephone number
(828) 688-3745

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 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. ▶ \$ 119,493

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	4,025
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	60,075
	4	Investment income	4	55,393
	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	
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		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	119,493	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	3,610
	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	435
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	2,440
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,295
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	105,494
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	113,274	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	6,219
	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	112,839
	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	119,058

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	94,627	22 103,122
23 Land and buildings	17,619	23 15,395
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	593	24 541
25 Total assets	112,839	25 119,058
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	112,839	27 119,058

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? PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED TO DEVELOP, FOSTER, PROMOTE AND PROTECT PROGRAMS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARM PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)
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 See Additional Data Table	
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
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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

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
LONNIE CUTHBERTSON PRESIDENT	0 15	0		
DOUG DELLINGER V-PRESIDENT	0 15	0		
DAVID TERRELL SECRETARY	0 15	0		
HAL CAMPBELL MEMBER-BOD	0 15	0		
DOUG YOUNG MEMBER-BOD	0 15	0		
DWIGHT THOMAS MEMBER-BOD	0 15	0		
MARK BYRD MEMBER-BOD	0 15	0		
DOUGLAS HARRELL MEMBER-BOD	0 15	0		
KENNETH WOODY MEMBER-BOD	0 15	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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 33, 34, 35a, 35b, 35c, 36, 37a, 37b, 38a, 38b, 39, 39a, 39b, 40a, 40b, 40c, 40d, 40e, 41.

42a The organization's books are in care of COUNTY FARM BUREAU LIAISON Telephone no (828) 688-3745
Located at 168 HWY 226 NORTH 168 NC 226 NORTH BAKERSVILLE, NC ZIP + 4 28705

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 42b, 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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, 45a, 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	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

	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 Signature of officer	2019-07-15 Date
LONNIE CUTHBERTSON PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ERNEST W WARNER JR	Preparer's signature	Date 2019-07-15	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00078675
	Firm's name ▶ A T ALLEN & COMPANY LLP CPAS			Firm's EIN ▶ 56-0119050	
	Firm's address ▶ 2245 GATEWAY ACCESS PT STE 201 RALEIGH, NC 27607			Phone no (919) 781-7550	

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 56-1009554
Name: MITCHELL 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.)	
<p>28 POLICY DEVELOPMENT- MEMBERS WORKING IN COMMITTEES INVOLVED AT THE COUNTY, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVELS TO IDENTIFY ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE WELL BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICIES ON SUCH ISSUES TO PURSUE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PROCESS</p> <p>(Grants \$)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	28a	

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<p>30 AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT -PLANNED, CONDUCTED AND SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE THAT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS MAJORING IN AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD OF STUDY, INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND VARIOUS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES (Grants \$)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>30a</p>	

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities
For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then
 ● Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
 ● Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
 ● Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only
If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then
 ● Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
 ● Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A
If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then
 ● Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization MITCHELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC	Employer identification number 56-1009554
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1 Yes	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	No

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
a Current year	2a
b Carryover from last year	2b
c Total	2c
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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Name of the organization

MITCHELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC

Employer identification number

56-1009554

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	OFFICE RENTAL-BAKERSVILLE INSURANCE 485 CLEANING/MAINTENANCE 2,985 REPAIRS 1,747 TAXES AND LICENSES 1,021 UTILITIES 3,919 DEPRECIATION 2,294 TELEPHONE 1,924 OFFICE RENTAL-SPRUCE PINE INSURANCE 172 CLEANING/MAINTENANCE 3,421 UTILITIES 2,691 DEPRECIATION 114 TELEPHONE 2,114 RENT EXPENSE 25,901 EXPENSES OFFICE 3,701 CONFERENCES/MEETINGS 2,141 INSURANCE 647 DEPRECIATION 127 PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES 34,960 BANK CHARGES 7 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS 370 EDUCATION, PROMOTIONS ETC 6,850 OFFICE SUPPORT SERVICES 7,411 EQUIPMENT RENTAL 163 SECURITY SYSTEM FEES 329 TOTAL 105,494

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FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	FURNITURE 16,303 16,562 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 15,710 16,021 LAND IMPROVEMENTS 6,206 6,206 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 6,206 6,206 TOTAL 593 541

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III	PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED TO DEVELOP, FOSTER, PROMOTE AND PROTECT PROGRAMS FOR THE WELFARE OF FARM PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING G

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	POLICY DEVELOPMENT- MEMBERS WORKING IN COMMITTEES INVOLVED AT THE COUNTY, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVELS TO IDENTIFY ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE WELL BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPING PUBLIC POLICIES ON SUCH ISSUES TO PURSUE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PROCESS

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29	PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES - TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY COORDINATED AND HELPED TO SPONSER EVENTS WITH OTHER AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO RAISE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND TO INCREASE FARMER'S PRODUCTION KNOWLEDGE

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 30	AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT -PLANNED, CONDUCTED AND SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE THAT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS MAJORING IN AN AGRICULTURAL FIELD OF STUDY, INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP AND VARIOUS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES