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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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2016

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ 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/form990.

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2016, and ending , 20

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

C Name of organization ?
IOWA FARMERS UNION

D Employer identification number ?
42-0815497

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) ? Room/suite
PO BOX 1883

E Telephone number
(515) 481-8492

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
AMES, IA 50010-1883

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: ▶ **WWW.IOWA FARMERSUNION.ORG**

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 . . . ▶ \$ **80,135**

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	<input type="checkbox"/> ? 1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	51,234
	<input type="checkbox"/> ? 2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	<input type="checkbox"/> ? 3	Membership dues and assessments	3	15,055
	<input type="checkbox"/> ? 4	Investment income	4	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	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	0
	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	0
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	
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	0	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	13,846	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	80,135	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	966
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits <input type="checkbox"/> ?	12	26,196
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors <input type="checkbox"/> ?	13	10,503
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	4,790
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	9,563
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <input type="checkbox"/> ?	16	37,816
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	89,833	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(9,698)
	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	14,024
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	200
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	4,526

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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	29,114	13,486
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	349	0
25 Total assets	29,464	13,486
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	15,440	8,960
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	14,024	4,526

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? See Schedule O

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)

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29	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
30	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
31	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
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
Aaron Heley Lehman President	10	0	0	0
Jana Linderman Vice President	10	0	0	0
Sally Gran Secretary	2	0	0	0
Suzan Erem Director	1	0	0	0
John Gilbert Director	1	0	0	0
Julla McGuire Director	1	0	0	0
Chris Petersen Director	1	0	0	0
Jerry Rosman Director	1	0	0	0
Ron Tigner Director	1	0	0	0
Donna Winburn Director	1	0	0	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.

		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		✓
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		
35c	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 0		
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 N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 ▶ 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities ▶ 39b N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ N/A ; section 4912 ▶ N/A ; section 4955 ▶ N/A		
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 ▶ N/A		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ N/A		
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 ▶ None		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Jana Linderman Telephone no. ▶ (319) 651-2250 Located at ▶ 4720 Mortensen Road, Suite 106D, Ames, IA ZIP + 4 ▶ 50014		
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).	Yes	No
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: ▶	Yes	No
42c			✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> 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		
44d			
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		✓
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			✓

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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		
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Aaron Heley Lehman</i> Signature of officer	05-15-2017 Date
	Aaron Heley Lehman, President Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Pnnt/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

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

Name of the organization
Iowa Farmers Union

Employer identification number
42-0815497

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

	Beginning	Ending
Accounts Receivable	\$349	\$0
Total	\$349	\$0

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Total Liabilities

	Beginning	Ending
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$4,562	\$1,713
National Farmers Union Promissory Note	\$10,878	\$7,247
Total	\$15,440	\$8,960

Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

The mission of the Iowa Farmers Union is to strengthen the independent family farm through education, legislation, and cooperation and to provide lowans with sustainable production, safe food, a clean environment, and healthy communities.