

Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

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OMB No 1545-0047

2017**Open to Public Inspection****A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending****B** Check if applicable

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

C Name of organization **FARMERS EDUCATIONAL & COOPERATIVE UNION**Doing business as **SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION**

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

1410 DAKOTA AVENUE S.

Room/suite

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

HURON**SD 57350****D** Employer identification number**46-0132880****E** Telephone number**605-352-6761****G** Gross receipts \$ **1,851,485****F** Name and address of principal officer**DOUG SOMBKE****1410 DAKOTA AVENUE S.****HURON****SD 57350****H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (**5**) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website **WWW.SDFU.ORG****H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**K** Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation **1915****M** State of legal domicile **SD****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets or Fund Balances	
1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND ADVANCE EFFORTS THAT FURTHER ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND CULTURAL VITALITY IN RURAL SOUTH DAKOTA.							
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets							
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	10				
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	8				
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	15				
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0				
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	124,009				
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0				
		Prior Year	Current Year				
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	54,237	40,074				
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	253,630	196,587				
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,246,635	1,183,411				
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11b)	132,552	137,909				
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,687,054	1,557,981				
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0				
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0				
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	640,995	691,973				
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0				
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		0				
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,153,627	889,210				
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,794,622	1,581,183				
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-107,568	-23,202				
		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year				
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	17,057,016	19,374,805				
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	4,111,000	3,910,545				
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	12,946,016	15,464,260				

Part II Signature Block

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

KARLA HOFHENKE

Type or print name and title

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Date

12-14-18**Paid**

Print/Type preparer's name

MATT GUYER, CPA

Preparer's signature

MATT GUYER, CPA

Date

12/09/18Check ☒ if

self-employed

PTIN

P00386499**Preparer Use Only**

Firm's name ▶

CARLSONSV, LLP

Firm's EIN ▶

41-1562398Firm's address ▶ **5801 DULUTH STREET, SUITE 360****GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422**

Phone no

763-542-9633

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

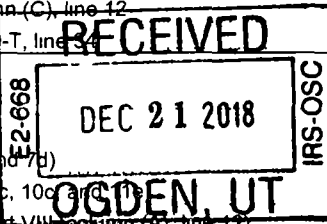
☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:**TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND ADVANCE EFFORTS THAT FURTHER ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND CULTURAL VITALITY IN RURAL SOUTH DAKOTA.****2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION TO THE YOUTH OF SOUTH DAKOTA. THE FOUNDATION HOSTED 45+ YOUTH CAMPS ACROSS THE STATE, WHICH AROUND 1,000 YOUTHS ATTENDED; SPONSORED A SAFETY QUIZ BOWL FOR 80+ HIGH SCHOOLERS DURING THE STATE'S FFA CONVENTION; AND GRANTED THREE \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA YOUTH.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
ENHANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA'S RURAL CITIZENS. THE FOUNDATION CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF TWO PROGRAMS: RURAL ECONOMIC AND LEADERSHIP (REAL), DEVELOPED FOR ALL RURAL SOUTH DAKOTANS, AND JUNIOR RURAL ECONOMIC AND LEADERSHIP (JR. REAL), DEVELOPED FOR RURAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THE PROGRAMS ALLOWED PARTICIPANTS FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES TO NETWORK WITH OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS RELATED TO PERSONAL MOTIVATION, LEADERSHIP STRATEGY, GOAL ACHIEVEMENT, AND COMMUNITY GROWTH. THERE WERE 11 PARTICIPANTS FOR REAL, AND 300+ FOR JR. REAL.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?		X
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. 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		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	X	
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, 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," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	X	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	X	
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	X	
4a	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
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	1a 10	
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent.	1b 8	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6 X	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a X	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.	9	X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a X	
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b X	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a X	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13.	12a X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	12c X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization. If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	15b	X
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **NONE**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►

SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION**PO BOX 1388****HURON****SD 57350****605-352-6761**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DALLIS BASEL										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(2) LYNN FREY										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(3) KARLA HOFHENKE										
SECRETARY/TREASURER	40.00 0.00	X		X				69,428	0	24,521
(4) CHAD JOHNSON										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(5) JOEL KEIERLEBER										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) TERRY SESTAK										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) DOUG SOMBKE										
PRESIDENT	40.00 0.00	X		X				93,161	0	9,185
(8) WAYNE SOREN										
VICE PRESIDENT	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(9) GAIL TEMPLE										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) JAMES WAHLE										
DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11)										

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (*continued*)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Sub-total								162,589		33,706
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								162,589		33,706

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b	40,074			
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		40,074			
Program Service Revenue	2a EDUCATIONAL CAMPS/CONFERENCES	Busn Code	96,999	96,999		
	b STATE FAIR/SHOWS/CONVENTION		65,510	65,510		
	c CONVENTION SPONSORSHIPS		15,910			15,910
	d NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING		12,000	12,000		
	e RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS		6,168	6,168		
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		196,587			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,178,354		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties						
6a Gross rents		(i) Real 36,000 (ii) Personal				
b Less rental exps		86,875				
c Rental inc or (loss)		-50,875				
d Net rental income or (loss)			-50,875		-50,875	
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities 211,686 (ii) Other				
b Less cost or other basis & sales exps		206,629				
c Gain or (loss)		5,057				
d Net gain or (loss)			5,057			5,057
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a				
b Less direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a				
b Less direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a				
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn Code				
11a MANAGEMENT FEES	541800	75,000		75,000		
b STATE SERVICE FEES	524298	67,912		67,912		
c MIDWEST AGENCY LLP	524298	31,972		31,972		
d All other revenue		13,900		13,900		
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		188,784				
12 Total revenue. See instructions		1,557,981	194,577	124,009	1,199,321	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	162,589			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	321,477			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	173,527			
10 Payroll taxes	34,380			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	1,319			
c Accounting	11,824			
d Lobbying	51,244			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	5,665			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	103,426			
13 Office expenses	115,302			
14 Information technology	22,633			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	30,760			
17 Travel	53,938			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	34,710			
20 Interest	31,732			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	135,546			
23 Insurance	38,742			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CAMP & EDUCATION EXP	83,581			
b OTHER EXPENSES	75,878			
c RURAL DEVELOPMENT	52,227			
d ORGANIZATION EXP	41,941			
e All other expenses	-1,258			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,581,183	0	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	206,728	2	211,097
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	166,582	4	15,281
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	102,610	9	114,535
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,639,623		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 638,872	10c 2,019,114	2,000,751
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	426,639	11	450,553
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	14,135,336	13	16,523,473
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	7	15	59,115
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	17,057,016	16	19,374,805	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	194,981	17	132,337
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	267,008	19	291,874
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	1,437,472	23	1,364,673
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	2,211,539	25	2,121,661
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	4,111,000	26	3,910,545
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	12,946,016	27	15,464,260
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	12,946,016	33	15,464,260
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	17,057,016	34	19,374,805	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,557,981
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,581,183
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-23,202
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	12,946,016
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	8,382
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	2,533,064
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	15,464,260

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b	

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

**FARMERS EDUCATIONAL & COOPERATIVE
UNION**

Employer identification number

46-0132880**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year	
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements	

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items	
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a ☐ Public exhibition
 b ☐ Scholarly research
 c ☐ Preservation for future generations
 d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
 e ☐ Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

- c Beginning balance
 d Additions during the year
 e Distributions during the year
 f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %
 b Permanent endowment ▶ %
 c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		86,693		86,693
b Buildings		2,039,495	397,952	1,641,543
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		513,435	240,920	272,515
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c)				2,000,751

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ►		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) INVESTMENT IN FUE	12,469,156	MARKET
(2) INVESTMENT IN FUSA	4,053,739	MARKET
(3) INVESTMENTS IN COOPS	578	COST
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ►		16,523,473

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ►	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f See Form 990, Part X, line 25

1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1)	Federal income taxes	
(2)	ACCRUED PENSION LIABILITY	2,121,661
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ►		2,121,661

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	4,096,424
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	8,382
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	3,735,851
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	3,744,233
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	352,191
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	1,205,790
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	1,205,790
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,557,981

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,578,180
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	86,875
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	86,875
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,491,305
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	89,878
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	89,878
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,581,183

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE**INCOME TAX STATUS**

THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(5) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND SIMILAR STATE PROVISIONS. HOWEVER, INCOME FROM CERTAIN ACTIVITIES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TAXATION AS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME. IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170(B)(1)(A) AND HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A)(2).

THE ORGANIZATION'S ACCOUNTING POLICY IS TO PRESENT INTEREST AND PENALTIES AS A COMPONENT OF THE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE TAX RETURNS ESSENTIALLY REMAIN OPEN FOR POSSIBLE EXAMINATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AFTER THE RESPECTIVE FILING DEADLINES OF THOSE RETURNS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER

DIRECT RENTAL EXPENSES	\$	86,875
FUE BOOK INCOME	\$	2,970,307
FUSA BOOK INCOME	\$	642,996
MIDWEST AGENCY PARTNERSHIP INCOME	\$	35,673

PART XI, LINE 4B - REVENUE AMOUNTS INCLUDED ON RETURN - OTHER

FUE CASH DIVIDEND	\$	1,000,000
FUSA TAX INCOME	\$	225,000
MIDWEST AGENCY K-1	\$	-19,210

PART XII, LINE 2D - EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER

DIRECT RENTAL EXPENSES	\$	86,875
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PART XII, LINE 4B - EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED ON RETURN - OTHER

DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE	\$	-49,042
PENSION EXP ADJUSTMENT	\$	89,878
BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE	\$	49,042

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Transactions With Interested Persons

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b

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**FARMERS EDUCATIONAL & COOPERATIVE
UNION**

Employer identification number

46-0132880

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958

► \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization

► \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the org?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
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(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												

Total ► \$

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of org revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOC.	SAME BOARD	36,000	RENT EXPENSE		X
(2) SD FARMERS UNION FOUNDATION	SAME BOARD	81,797	EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT		X
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 for the latest information.

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DOING BUSINESS AS - ADDITIONAL NAMES

FOUNDATION

AMENDED RETURN EXPLANATION

**AN AMENDED RETURN IS REQUIRED BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVED A REVISED
SCHEDULE K-1 FROM MIDWEST AGENCY LLP REFLECTED AN INCREASE IN NET LONG-TERM
CAPITAL LOSS OF \$28,000.**

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 6 - CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS

THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS

BOARD IS APPOINTED BY MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990

**THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS AND APPROVES THE ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FORM 990
AND VERIFY THE NUMBERS ARE RECONCILED TO THE AUDIT REPORT.**

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY

**DIRECTORS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND SIGN A
FORM SHOWING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. THAT FORM IS REVIEWED BY THE
ORGANIZATION'S OFFICERS AND KEPT ON FILE.**

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION

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UPON REQUEST AT THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS EXPLANATION

DIRECT RENTAL EXPENSES	\$	86,875
FUE BOOK INCOME	\$	2,970,307
FUSA BOOK INCOME	\$	642,996
MIDWEST AGENCY PARTNERSHIP INCOME	\$	35,673
FUE CASH DIVIDEND	\$	-1,000,000
FUSA TAX INCOME	\$	-225,000
MIDWEST AGENCY K-1	\$	19,210
DIRECT RENTAL EXPENSES	\$	-86,875
DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE	\$	-49,042
PENSION EXP ADJUSTMENT	\$	89,878
BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE	\$	49,042
TOTAL	\$	2,533,064

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

► Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33

	(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
							Yes No
(1)	SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION FOUNDATI 1410 DAKOTA AVE S HURON SD 57350	EDUCATION	SD	501C3	9	N/A	X
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							

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Schedule R (Form 990) 2017

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Dispro- portionate alloc ?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
								Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)													
(2)													
(3)													
(4)													

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
									Yes	No
(1)	FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOCIATION 1410 DAKOTA AVE HURON SD 57350 46-0220690	INSURANCE	SD	SOUTH DAKO	C	642,996	5,708,090	100.000000		X
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II–IV?**a** Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)**f** Dividends from related organization(s)**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a–s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)	FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOCIATION	A	36,000	CASH RECEIVED
(2)	SD FARMERS UNION FOUNDATION	L	81,797	CASH PAID
(3)	FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOCIATION	F	225,000	DIVIDEND PAID
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
					Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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(2)														
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Part VII

Supplemental Information.

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See Instructions.