

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)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017
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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2017** and ending **SEP 30, 2018**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1150 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW 600 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036 F Name and address of principal officer: JOHN PIOTTI SAME AS C ABOVE	D Employer identification number 52-1190211 E Telephone number (202) 331-7300 G Gross receipts \$ 16,138,109. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ WWW.FARMLAND.ORG		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1980 M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE MISSION OF AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST IS TO SAVE THE LAND THAT SUSTAINS US BY PROTECTING FARMLAND,	
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 17
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 17
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5 91
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 17
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 8,230.
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	10,400,685. 15,600,174.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	39,125. 15,985.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	263,304. 182,084.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	58,974. 45,634.
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	10,762,088. 15,843,877.
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0. 224,570.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0. 0.
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	5,578,080. 5,826,888.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	180,000. 202,950.
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 1,941,763.	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	5,123,563. 5,020,458.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	10,881,643. 11,274,866.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-119,555. 4,569,011.
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	24,365,385. 35,334,710.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,888,355. 1,991,579.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	22,477,030. 33,343,131.

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 ASHLEY BOVINO, CFO AND VP OF FINANCE & ADMIN. Type or print name and title	Date _____			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name FRANK H. SMITH	Preparer's signature <i>Frank H. Smith</i>	Date 05/20/19	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00639053
	Firm's name ▶ MARCUM, LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 11-1986323			
	Firm's address ▶ 1899 L STREET, NW, SUITE 850 WASHINGTON, DC 20036		Phone no. (202) 227-4000		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE MISSION OF AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST (AFT) IS TO SAVE THE LAND THAT SUSTAINS US BY PROTECTING FARMLAND, PROMOTING SOUND FARMING PRACTICES AND KEEPING FARMERS ON THE LAND.

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 [X] No

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

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 \$ 6,068,568. including grants of \$ 89,136.) (Revenue \$ 15,985.) STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS -

AFT LAUNCHED A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO ADVANCE CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1980, AFT HAS HELPED SAVE 6.5 MILLION ACRES OF FARMLAND FROM DEVELOPMENT AND HAS LED THE WAY FOR THE ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES ON MILLIONS OF ACRES MORE. AFT CONTINUED AND EXPANDED PROGRAMMING THAT PROTECTS FARMLAND, PROMOTES SOUND FARMING PRACTICES AND KEEP FARMERS ON THE LAND. AFT DOES THIS WORK THROUGH ITS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, DC AND SIX REGIONAL OFFICES.

PROTECTING IRREPLACEABLE FARMLAND AND RANCLAND:

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,812,571. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) PUBLIC EDUCATION -

ADVOCATE - AFT FIGHTS FOR PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT SAVE FARMLAND, SUPPORT FARMERS AND ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

EDUCATE - AFT EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR NATION'S FARMS, FARMLAND AND FARMERS.

INNOVATE - AFT PIONEERS CUTTING-EDGE TECHNIQUES THAT PROTECT FARMLAND AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES.

INVESTIGATE - AFT CONDUCTS RESPECTED RESEARCH AS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 459,640. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA OUTREACH -

AFT CONTINUOUSLY ENGAGES THE PUBLIC THROUGH OUR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR MEMBERS, VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS, AND MEDIA OUTREACH.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 435,354. including grants of \$ 135,434.) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 8,776,133.



Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question Number, Yes, No. Rows 1-19 detailing various organizational requirements and their fulfillment status.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, Yes, and No. Rows include 20a through 38, covering various organizational requirements and schedules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 17; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a... 17; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... X; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... X; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... X; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets... X; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders... 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... X; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body... X; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? X; b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 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... X

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? X; 10b 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? X; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? X; 11b 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... X; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? X; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done... X; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? X; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 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... X; b Other officers or key employees of the organization... X; If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).; 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? X; 16b 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? X

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME
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. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] 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: ASHLEY BOVINO - (202) 331-7300 1150 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, NO. 600, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check 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 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) BARTON THOMPSON JR. CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) JOHN HARDIN VICE CHAIR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) WILLIAM COHAN TREASURER	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) ELIZABETH BECK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) WILLIAM BOEHM DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) LYNN CLARKSON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) ROBERT E. EGERTON JR. DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) GINA GALLO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) JENNIE TURNER GARLINGTON DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) ELIZABETH JONES DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) A.G. KAWAMURA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) LAURIE LANDEAU DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) JAMES MOSELEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) EA'MON O'TOOLE DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) MANYA K. RUBINSTEIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) TRUMAN SEMANS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) GRANT WINTHROP DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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 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			
(18) JOHN PIOTTI PRESIDENT & CEO	37.50			X				294,973.	0.	15,417.
(19) ASHLEY BOVINO CFO AND VP OF FINANCE & ADMIN.	37.50			X				139,241.	0.	6,239.
(20) KATHIE LWANGA SECRETARY	37.50			X				66,182.	0.	12,960.
(21) RICK MONK ASSISTANT SECRETARY	16.00			X				51,428.	0.	134.
(22) SUSAN SINK VP OF DEVELOPMENT	37.50				X			211,513.	0.	18,150.
(23) JOHN LARSON VP OF PROGRAMS	37.50				X			192,456.	0.	26,879.
(24) JAMES DAUKAS SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER	37.50					X		129,962.	0.	25,038.
(25) JULIA FREEDGOOD, FARMS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION DIR & SEN. ADVISOR	37.50					X		123,066.	0.	15,861.
(26) JENNIFER FUSCO SR. DIRECTOR OF DEV, NE	37.50					X		122,038.	0.	328.
1b Sub-total								1,330,859.	0.	121,006.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								224,614.	0.	12,328.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,555,473.	0.	133,334.

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 **16**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	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
PRODUCTION SOLUTIONS, INC., 1953 GALLOWS ROAD, SUITE 600, VIENNA, VA 22182	DIRECT MAIL PRODUCTION	1,225,388.
US RESOURCES, INC., 115 BEULAH ROAD NE, SUITE 200C, VIENNA, VA 22180	IT SUPPORT	217,647.
CONSERVATION SCIENCE PARTNERS, 11050 PIONEER TRAIL, #202, TRUCKEE, CA 96161	CONSULTING SERVICES	153,564.
GRAND TRAV REG LAND CONSERV, 3860 N LONG LAKE RD STE D, TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684	CONSULTING SERVICES	131,020.
KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 1107 SW GRADY WAY, SUITE 130, RENTON, WA 98057	CONSULTING SERVICES	112,769.

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 **8**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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 line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(27) HEIDI BLYTHE SR. DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL GIVING	37.50				X			116,580.	0.	6,926.
(28) SERENA UNGER CA SENIOR POLICY AND PLANNING MNGR	21.00				X			108,034.	0.	5,402.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c								224,614.		12,328.

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check 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	1 a Federated campaigns	1a 15,882.					
	b Membership dues	1b 1,673,830.					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 1,875,945.					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 12034517.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	1,565,540.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	▶	15600174.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>CONFERENCES</u>	Business Code 900099	15,985.	15,985.			
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	▶	15,985.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	▶	107,952.			107,952.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	▶					
	5 Royalties	▶					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)	▶				
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		368,364.					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		294,232.					
	c Gain or (loss)	74,132.					
	d Net gain or (loss)	▶	74,132.			74,132.	
	8 a 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		▶					
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	▶					
10 a 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		Business Code					
11	a OTHER INCOME	900099	27,657.			27,657.	
	b RECAPTURED EXPENSES	900099	7,240.			7,240.	
	c SUBLEASE INCOME	531390	6,181.			6,181.	
	d All other revenue	900099	4,556.			4,556.	
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶	45,634.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.	▶	15843877.	15,985.	0.	227,718.		

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 X

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 ...	120,000.	120,000.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	104,570.	104,570.		
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	1,079,041.	788,978.	164,400.	125,663.
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	3,210,312.	2,408,812.	56,660.	744,840.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	166,600.	126,080.	4,447.	36,073.
9 Other employee benefits	1,021,826.	764,759.	42,186.	214,881.
10 Payroll taxes	349,109.	260,576.	17,060.	71,473.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	44,028.	33,051.	7,147.	3,830.
c Accounting	55,144.	37,431.	11,532.	6,181.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	202,950.			202,950.
f Investment management fees	118,014.	92,856.	8,294.	16,864.
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch. O.)	1,571,983.	1,517,757.	54,226.	
12 Advertising and promotion	11,028.	8,966.	434.	1,628.
13 Office expenses	1,413,925.	1,172,782.	37,377.	203,766.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	486,212.	362,425.	77,658.	46,129.
17 Travel	402,148.	287,424.	23,854.	90,870.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	219,430.	156,831.	13,016.	49,583.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	165,819.	109,516.	36,656.	19,647.
23 Insurance	34,309.	27,895.	1,348.	5,066.
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 NEWSLETTER & PUBLISHING	498,418.	395,424.	675.	102,319.
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	11,274,866.	8,776,133.	556,970.	1,941,763.
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)	2,114,042.	1,812,571.	0.	301,471.

Part X Balance Sheet

Check 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	230.	1	5,092,859.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,771,329.	2	70,341.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	4,475,285.	3	9,161,634.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	544,498.	4	0.
	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 instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	58,918.	9	45,221.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,393,406.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,147,568.	558,657.	10c 1,245,838.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	16,507,681.	12	19,681,415.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	448,787.	15	37,402.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	24,365,385.	16	35,334,710.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	921,911.	17	1,131,990.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	110,769.	19	95,000.
	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		23	
	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	855,675.	25	764,589.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,888,355.	26	1,991,579.
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	12,062,962.	27	20,460,540.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	7,375,739.	28	9,844,262.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	3,038,329.	29	3,038,329.
	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	22,477,030.	33	33,343,131.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	24,365,385.	34	35,334,710.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	15,843,877.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,274,866.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,569,011.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	22,477,030.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,306,365.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	4,030,000.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-39,275.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	33,343,131.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual 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:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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.
- 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?
- 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

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a	X	
3b	X	

Form 990 (2017)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization: **AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST**
Employer identification number: **52-1190211**

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	7170759.	6635514.	8687131.	14430685.	15600174.	52524263.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	7170759.	6635514.	8687131.	14430685.	15600174.	52524263.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						12301386.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						40222877.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	7170759.	6635514.	8687131.	14430685.	15600174.	52524263.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	642,861.	625,786.	474,160.	302,475.	119,089.	2164371.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	31,355.	35,921.	74,315.	23,515.	34,897.	200,003.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						54888637.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	767,373.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	73.28 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	82.49 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	► <input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	► <input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	► <input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	► <input type="checkbox"/>	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

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Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>	Yes	No
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI.) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information.
(See instructions.)

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

RECAPTURED EXPENSES

2013 AMOUNT: \$ 22,303.

2014 AMOUNT: \$ 18,818.

2015 AMOUNT: \$ 45,402.

2016 AMOUNT: \$ 12,922.

2017 AMOUNT: \$ 7,240.

OTHER INCOME

2013 AMOUNT: \$ 9,052.

2014 AMOUNT: \$ 17,103.

2015 AMOUNT: \$ 28,913.

2016 AMOUNT: \$ 10,593.

2017 AMOUNT: \$ 27,657.

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Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2017

Name of the organization

AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST

Employer identification number

52-1190211

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

[] 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

[] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

[] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

[] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

[X] For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ... \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Name of organization AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST	Employer identification number 52-1190211
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>4,200,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>1,800,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>1,116,381.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>900,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>819,000.</u>	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>746,540.</u>	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
5	512.66 ACRES OF FARMLAND _____ _____ _____	\$ 819,000.	09/30/18
6	2,934 SHARES OF J.M. HUBER CORPORATION STOCK _____ _____ _____	\$ 746,540.	09/30/18
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.**

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.

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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.
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities _____

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-.

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0.													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37,627.													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	37,627.													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	11,031,228.													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	11,068,855.													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	703,443.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	175,861.													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	575,106.	593,911.	664,294.	703,443.	2,536,754.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					3,805,131.
c Total lobbying expenditures	16,340.	16,143.	40,930.	37,627.	111,040.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	143,777.	148,478.	166,074.	175,861.	634,190.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					951,285.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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)).

	(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	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

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.

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: AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST; Employer identification number: 52-1190211

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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... Yes/No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes/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). 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... 3 Number of conservation easements modified... 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located... 5 Does the organization have a written policy... 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring... 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring... 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)? 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports 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. 1b 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

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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:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 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	16,507,681.	15,653,310.	17,015,260.	20,215,304.	20,784,538.
b Contributions	10,477,311.			35,000.	1,249,860.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	2,350,163.	2,973,090.	2,038,597.	-322,464.	2,181,857.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,011,761.	2,118,719.	3,400,547.	2,912,580.	4,000,951.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	28,323,394.	16,507,681.	15,653,310.	17,015,260.	20,215,304.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 82.33 %
 - b Permanent endowment 10.73 %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment 6.94 %
- 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:
- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | | X |
| (ii) related organizations | | X |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? <input type="checkbox"/> | 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	825,000.			825,000.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		658,344.	390,039.	268,305.
d Equipment		259,829.	199,693.	60,136.
e Other		650,233.	557,836.	92,397.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,245,838.



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) CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES		
(B) AND OTHER TRUSTS	708,891.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(C) MUTUAL FUNDS	11,856,452.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(D) COMMON STOCKS	4,914,658.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(E) FUND OF FUNDS	2,201,414.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	19,681,415.	

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)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

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) CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES PAYABLE	157,469.
(3) DEFERRED RENT AND LEASE INCENTIVES	606,745.
(4) SECURITY DEPOSITS	375.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	764,589.

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	18,176,332.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	2,306,365.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	65,365.	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	-39,275.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		2,332,455.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		15,843,877.
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		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5		15,843,877.

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	11,340,231.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	65,365.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		65,365.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3		11,274,866.
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		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5		11,274,866.

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 II, LINE 5:

AFT'S POLICY IS TO MONITOR EACH OF ITS EASEMENTS EVERY YEAR, UNLESS AN ISSUE OR CIRCUMSTANCE REGARDING A PARTICULAR PROPERTY WARRANTS MORE FREQUENT VISITS. AFT HAS ALSO ADOPTED A VIOLATIONS POLICY THAT ADDRESSES THE MANNER IN WHICH AFT DETERMINES AND ENFORCES VIOLATIONS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. AFT CONTINUALLY EVALUATES EACH EASEMENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE MONITORING AND INSPECTION NEEDS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSERVATION PURPOSES OF THE EASEMENT ARE UPHELD.

PART II, LINE 9:

IT IS AFT'S POLICY, WHEN ACQUIRING OR ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT, TO EXTINGUISH

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

IN PERPETUITY THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON THE UNDERLYING PROPERTY.
 CONSEQUENTLY, ALL SUCH EASEMENTS ARE VALUED AT ONE DOLLAR. EASEMENTS WHOSE
 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ARE NOT SO TREATED HAVE ALSO BEEN VALUED AT ONE DOLLAR
 BECAUSE IT IS MANAGEMENT'S OPINION THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL NOT RECOVER
 ITS COST FOR THESE EASEMENTS. ANY PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF A CONSERVATION
 EASEMENT TO A QUALIFIED ENTITY ARE MAINTAINED IN THE ORGANIZATION'S
 FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND.

PART V, LINE 4:

AFT IS COMMITTED TO A LONG-TERM APPROACH WITH A BALANCED PROGRAM OF
 INVESTMENTS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE REAL PURCHASING POWER OF THE FUND
 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STABLE AND, IN REAL TERMS, CONSTANT STREAM OF CURRENT
 INCOME FOR ANNUAL OPERATING NEEDS.

PART X, LINE 2:

AFT EVALUATED ITS UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER
 30, 2018, AND DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO MATTERS THAT WOULD REQUIRE
 RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR THAT MAY HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ITS
 TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

CHANGE IN VALUE ON SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS	-39,275.
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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest instructions.

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Name of the organization

AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST

Employer identification number

52-1190211

Part I

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

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

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

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

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
EIDOLON COMMUNICATIONS - 15 MAIDEN LANE, SUITE 1401, NEW	DIRECT MAIL		X	1,678,835.	202,950.	1,475,885.
Total				1,678,835.	202,950.	1,475,885.

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

AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

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

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

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

- Director/officer
- Employee
- Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: EIDOLON COMMUNICATIONS

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 15 MAIDEN LANE, SUITE 1401, NEW YORK, NY 10038

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Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

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Name of the organization **AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST** Employer identification number **52-1190211**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY - 3860 N. LONG LAKE ROAD - TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684	38-2994229	501(C)(3)	110,000.	0.			PROTECTING FARMLAND

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 1.

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 0.

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2017)

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
GRANT AWARD TO FARMERS	18	89,192.	0.		
TRAVEL STIPENDS	21	15,378.	0.		

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2:

TRAVEL STIPENDS ARE PROVIDED AFTER THE PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE MEETING.

AWARDS TO FARMERS ARE PROVIDED AFTER THE WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED INCLUDING

EVALUATION FROM PARTICIPANTS. FOR SUB-AWARDS WE REQUIRE GRANTEES TO PROVIDE

BOTH INTERIM AND FINAL REPORT ON THE USE OF AWARDED FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT

FUNDS ARE USED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE GRANT PURPOSE.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.
 ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization **AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST** Employer identification number **52-1190211**

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a	X	
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) JOHN PIOTTI PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	294,973.	0.	0.	4,304.	11,113.	310,390.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) SUSAN SINK VP OF DEVELOPMENT	(i)	162,782.	0.	48,731.	8,251.	9,899.	229,663.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) JOHN LARSON VP OF PROGRAMS	(i)	192,456.	0.	0.	10,070.	16,809.	219,335.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) JAMES DAUKAS SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER	(i)	129,962.	0.	0.	7,485.	17,553.	155,000.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 4A:

SUSAN SINK, WHO SERVED AS VP OF DEVELOPMENT UNTIL JANUARY 2018, RECEIVED A SEVERANCE PAYMENT OF \$33,225 DURING 2017.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Name of the organization **AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST** Employer identification number **52-1190211**

Part I Types of Property	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	1	746,540.	FMV
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (FARMLAND)	X	1	819,000.	FMV
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement 29

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THIS COLUMN REPRESENTS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

Multiple horizontal lines for data entry.

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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.

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AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST

Employer identification number

52-1190211

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

PROMOTING SOUND FARMING PRACTICES AND KEEPING FARMERS ON THE LAND.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FERTILE, PRODUCTIVE LAND IS THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN FARMING AND
RANCHING THE SOURCE OF FOOD, ENTERPRISE, AND LIFE ITSELF. MAKING SURE
FARMERS AND RANCHERS HAVE ENOUGH HIGH-QUALITY LAND TO GROW FOOD AND
CROPS IS AT THE HEART OF AFT'S MISSION. SINCE ITS START, OVER 6.5
MILLION ACRES OF THE NATION'S BEST FARMLAND AND RANCLAND HAVE BEEN
PROTECTED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

A SAMPLING OF 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS:

AFT RELEASED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT EVER OF THE LOSS OF U.S.
FARMLAND AND RANCLAND, "FARMS UNDER THREAT: THE STATE OF AMERICA'S
FARMLAND," WHICH FOUND THAT FROM 1992 TO 2012, THE U.S. LOST THREE
ACRES OF FARMLAND EVERY MINUTE TO URBAN SPRAWL AND LOW-DENSITY
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 11 MILLION OF THOSE ACRES AMONG THE BEST
FARMLAND IN THE NATION.

THE SIGNING OF THE 2018 FARM BILL SECURED ANOTHER \$2 BILLION FOR AFT'S
HIGHEST PRIORITY, THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH
COMPENSATES LANDOWNERS FOR COMMITTING TO KEEP THEIR LAND IN
AGRICULTURE.

Name of the organization AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST	Employer identification number 52-1190211
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WITH ASSISTANCE FROM AFT'S OWEN AND ELLEN LOVE FAMILY FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND, AFT PROTECTED TWO CRITICAL FARMS IN MICHIGAN.

CONSERVING SOIL AND WATER AND COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE

THE NATION'S SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO LIFE, WE CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT THEM. AFT ADVOCATES FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS THAT PRESERVE NOT JUST THE LAND BUT ALSO THE ENVIRONMENT. AFT'S WORK HELPS FARMERS AND RANCHERS ADOPT SMART FARMING PRACTICES THAT PROTECT LAND, WATER, SOIL, AND WILDLIFE PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FOR ALL OF US.

A SAMPLING OF 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS:

AFT ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE TO BE ONE OF THEIR FIRST IMPACT PARTNERS, COMMITTED TO HELPING USCA STATES FULFILL THEIR NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS CHALLENGE BY DEVELOPING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO INCREASE CARBON SEQUESTRATION AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES ON FARMLAND AND RANCLAND.

AFT LAUNCHED ITS FARMERS COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE TO ACCELERATE THE USE OF CLIMATE-SMART FARMING PRACTICES AND TO MAKE THE CASE FOR FARMLAND PROTECTION AS AN EFFECTIVE AND COST-EFFICIENT CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION TOOL.

AFT'S CALIFORNIA GREENER FIELDS PROJECT INFORMED THE FIRST STATE CLIMATE PLAN TO LINK THE PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION.

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AFT RECEIVED A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANT FROM USDA TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES IN FIVE STATES AND PROVIDE THE QUANTITATIVE EVIDENCE THAT FARMERS NEED TO MAKE BETTER CONSERVATION DECISIONS.

CONNECTING FARMERS TO THE LAND AND COMMUNITIES TO FOOD

AFT MAKES SURE THAT ITS FARMERS AND RANCHERS CAN STAY ON THE LAND, CONTINUING TO FEED AND CLOTHE US AND SUSTAIN AMERICA. AFT'S EFFORTS CONNECT COMMUNITIES TO HEALTHY FOOD WHILE GIVING FARMERS AND RANCHERS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED. GIVEN THE AGE OF THE AVERAGE FARMER, AFT'S WORK TO HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF FARMERS ACCESS THE LAND HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT.

A SAMPLING OF 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS:

AFT LAUNCHED FARMLAND FOR A NEW GENERATION NEW YORK, A RESOURCE CENTER AND WEBSITE THAT HELPS EXISTING FARMERS, NEW FARMERS, AND YOUNGER GENERATIONS OF FARM FAMILIES' ACCESS FARMLAND WHILE SUPPORTING RETIRING FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS IN SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRING THEIR FARMS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK.

AFT EXPANDED OUR NATIONAL WOMEN FOR THE LAND PROGRAM ALREADY ACTIVE IN THE MIDWEST AND MID-ATLANTIC STATES TO CALIFORNIA AND HELD ITS FIRST WOMEN-ONLY LEARNING CIRCLE THERE.

AFT ORGANIZED THE NEW YORK GROWN FOOD FOR NEW YORK KIDS COALITION THAT

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FOUGHT FOR AND ACHIEVED RECORD STATE FUNDING TO HELP K-12 SCHOOLS BUY MORE FOODS GROWN AND PRODUCED IN THE STATE WHILE STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF FARMERS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS: PROGRAMS.

COLLABORATE - AFT BUILDS COALITIONS TO ACHIEVE LARGE-SCALE SOLUTIONS AND LASTING CHANGE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES: OTHER PROGRAMS EXPENSES \$ 435,354. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 135,434. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B: THE FEDERAL FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY MARCUM, LLP AND THEN THE DRAFT VERSION OF THE FEDERAL FORM 990 IS REVIEWED AND VERIFIED BY THE CONTROLLER. THE DRAFT FEDERAL FORM 990 IS ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO AFT'S AUDIT COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: BOARD MEMBERS SUBMIT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOLLOWING THE FALL BOARD MEETING. THE STATEMENTS ARE SENT TO THE AFT GENERAL COUNSEL FOR REVIEW. ANY CONFLICTS ARE REPORTED TO AFT. ALL EMPLOYEES ARE NOTIFIED ANNUALLY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY CONFLICT TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVING ANY COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH DISQUALIFIED PERSONS AS DEFINED UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (GENERALLY SENIOR MANAGEMENT, PERSONS WHO, AT ANY TIME DURING THE PRIOR 5-YEARS, WERE IN A POSITION TO EXERCISE SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE OVER THE AFFAIRS OF THE ORGANIZATION OR PERSONS RELATED). THE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AS DE FACTO. COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IN ADDITION TO ITS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. THE COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF OUTSIDE, DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS WHO POSSESS THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE COMPARABILITY OF COMPENSATION DATA OBTAINED FOR THE COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE DETERMINES WHICH AFT EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "DISQUALIFIED PERSONS" (IN ADDITION TO THE LIST OF PERSONNEL WHO ARE PER SE DISQUALIFIED) WHOSE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL.

ALSO, THE COMMITTEE EVALUATES AND APPROVES THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY AFT WITH ALL DISQUALIFIED PERSONS. (THESE INCLUDE ALL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, INCLUDING SALES OR OTHER TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY.) THE COMMITTEE GENERALLY UTILIZES INFORMATION FROM STANDARD COMPENSATION SURVEYS IN CONDUCTING ITS EVALUATION.

THE COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS ITS PROCEEDINGS WITH WRITTEN RECORDS, SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS APPROVED AND THE DATE THEY WERE APPROVED. THE RECORDS INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT AND WHO VOTED; THE COMPARABILITY DATA OBTAINED AND RELIED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE; HOW THE DATA WAS OBTAINED; AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION TRANSACTIONS BY ANYONE WHO IS OTHERWISE A

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MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT WHO HAD A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT. THIS DOCUMENTATION IS PREPARED BY THE LATER OF (A) THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OCCURRING AFTER THE DECISION IS MADE OR (B) THE DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OK, OR, PA
RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV, WI

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:
AFT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FEDERAL FORM 990 ARE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE OR BY WRITTEN REQUEST. THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON WRITTEN REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

CONSULTING SERVICES:

<u>PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES</u>	<u>1,501,856.</u>
<u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>54,226.</u>
<u>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>1,556,082.</u>

PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES:

<u>PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES</u>	<u>15,901.</u>
<u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>15,901.</u>
<u>TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A</u>	<u>1,571,983.</u>

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

CHANGE IN VALUE ON SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS -39,275.

Multiple horizontal lines for additional entries.