

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type.  See Specific Instructions.	<b>C Name of organization</b> RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA		<b>D Employer identification number</b> 56-1704863
		Doing Business As		<b>E Telephone number</b> 919-542-1396
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite PO BOX 640		<b>G Gross receipts \$</b> 1,827,274.
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 PITTSBORO, NC 27312		<b>H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b) Are all affiliates included?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c) Group exemption number</b> ▶
<b>F Name and address of principal officer:</b>				
<b>I Tax-exempt status:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 3 ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				
<b>J Website:</b> ▶ WWW.RAFIUSA.ORG				
<b>K Type of organization:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶				<b>L Year of formation:</b> 1990
<b>M State of legal domicile:</b> NC				

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>THE RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA CULTIVATES MARKETS, POLICIES AND COMMUNITIES</b>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	11
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	17
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	2
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,362,911.	1,447,501.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	102,581.	342,732.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,076.	-291.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	32,301.	34,759.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,499,869.	1,824,701.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	730,668.	765,453.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 137,530.		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	605,279.	536,641.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,335,947.	1,302,094.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	163,922.	522,607.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 1,616,324.	End of Year 2,128,145.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	147,368.	145,123.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,468,956.	1,983,022.

**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	Date
	▶ Type or print name and title	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ <b>ROBIN MCDUFFIE</b>	Date
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ <b>BLACKMAN &amp; SLOOP, CPAS, P.A. 1414 RALEIGH RD, SUITE 300 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) EIN ▶ Phone no. ▶ (919) 942-8700

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

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
**THE RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA CULTIVATES  
MARKETS, POLICIES AND COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT THRIVING, SOCIALLY JUST  
AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND FAMILY FARMS.**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
If "Yes", describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
If "Yes", describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)**

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **432,707.** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ **279,122.** )  
**JUST FOODS: THIS PROGRAM CREATES MARKET OPPORTUNITIES THAT PROVIDE A  
FAIR PRICE FOR FARMERS IMPLEMENTING JUST AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION  
PRACTICES. RAFI IS A LEADER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STANDARDS  
FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE, WHICH IS NOW THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT IN  
AGRICULTURE ENCOMPASSING OVER 20,000 U.S. FARMS AND GENERATING ALMOST  
\$2 BILLION IN FARM SALES. RAFI IS ALSO DEVELOPING A DOMESTIC FAIR  
TRADE STANDARD FOR ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE THAT IS BEING  
PILOTED IN THE UPPER MIDWEST REGION. THE JUST FOODS PROGRAM IS  
REVITALIZING PUBLIC PLANT AND ANIMAL BREEDING PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT  
FARMERS HAVE ACCESS TO VARIETIES ADAPTED TO THE CHANGING CONSUMER  
DEMANDS AND REGIONAL CLIMATES. THROUGH PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS THE  
FARMERS GUIDE TO GMOS AND THE FARMERS GUIDE TO GM CONTRACTS, RAFI**

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **284,833.** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ **118,180.** )  
**FARM SUSTAINABILITY: THIS PROGRAM ASSISTS FARMERS AND COMMUNITIES  
FACING RAPIDLY CHANGING AGRICULTURAL MARKETS TO ADAPT WITH SUSTAINABLE  
SOLUTIONS. RAFIS FARM ADVOCATES ANNUALLY PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 90 FARM  
FAMILIES WITH SKILLED FARM PLANNING AND FINANCIAL COUNSELING,  
ASSISTANCE NEGOTIATING WITH LENDERS, AND REFERRALS TO LEGAL AND MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES. THESE SERVICES TYPICALLY RESULT IN OVER \$3 MILLION IN  
FAMILY ASSETS GAINED OR SAVED EACH YEAR. RAFI ALSO PRODUCES PERIODIC  
REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL RISK MANAGEMENT FARM PROGRAMS AND  
PROVIDES UPDATES ON FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE AND DISASTER PROGRAMS.  
THESE MATERIALS ARE DISTRIBUTED ON THE RAFI WEBSITE AND THROUGH AN  
EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF FARM ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE U.S.**

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **160,014.** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ **183,740.** )  
**CONTRACT AGRICULTURE REFORM: THIS PROGRAM PROMOTES JUST AND EQUITABLE  
ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT FARMERS AND  
PROCESSORS. THE PROGRAM EDUCATES FARMERS ON RISKS AND BENEFITS  
ASSOCIATED WITH CONTRACT AGRICULTURE AND ON FEDERAL FAIR CONTRACT RULES  
AND REGULATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO THE CONTRACT RULE CHANGES WITHIN THE  
2008 FARM BILL, RAFI UPDATED OVER 14,000 POULTRY, CATTLE AND PORK  
PRODUCERS THROUGH PUBLISHED FACT SHEETS AND WRITTEN MATERIALS, AND  
CONDUCTED TRAININGS IN FOUR STATES WITH OVER 450 FARMERS PARTICIPATING.**

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ **129,630.** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ **237.** )

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶ \$ **1,007,184.** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> .....	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? .....	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> .....		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....	X	
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> .....		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> .....		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> .....		X
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....		X
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> .....	X	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> .....	X	
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.? .....		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> .....		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i> .....		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i> .....		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> .....		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> .....		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i> .....		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> .....		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> .....		X

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>28</b>	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
<b>a</b>	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b>	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b>	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....	X	
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>37</b>	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> .....		X

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**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1a</b> 22		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1b</b> 0		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	<b>2a</b> 17		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>3b</b>			
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
<b>5c</b>			
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>6b</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7c</b>			
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7e</b>			
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>			
<b>g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7g</b>			
<b>h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
<b>7h</b>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>9b</b>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter: <b>N/A</b>		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter: <b>N/A</b>		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <b>N/A</b>	<b>12b</b>	

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**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body .....		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members that are independent .....		
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? .....		X
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? .....		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? .....	X	
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? .....		X
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders? .....		X
<b>7a</b>	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? .....		X
<b>7b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? .....		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body? .....	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? .....	X	
<b>9a</b>	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? .....		X
<b>9b</b>	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization? .....		
<b>10</b>	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 .....	X	
<b>11</b>	Is there any officer, director or 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**

		Yes	No
<b>12a</b>	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 .....	X	
<b>12b</b>	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? .....	X	
<b>12c</b>	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done .....	X	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? .....	X	
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? .....	X	
<b>15</b>	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:		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? .....	X	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization? .....	X	
<b>16a</b>	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
<b>16b</b>	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? .....		

**Section C. Disclosure**

<b>17</b>	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► <u>NONE</u>
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
<b>19</b>	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
<b>20</b>	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► <u>KATHY ZAUMSEIL - 919-542-1396</u> <u>PO BOX 640, PITTSBORO, NC 27312</u>

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

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

• 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
KATHRYN J. WALLER PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
ARCHIE HART VICE-PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
FLOYD B. MCKISSICK, JR. TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
KATHY ZAUMSEIL SECRETARY	32.00	X					62,259.	0.	8,890.	
MARY CLOUSE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DANIEL POLLITT BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
REV. VALERIE ROSENQUIST BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
DR. ALTON THOMPSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
TOM TRANTHAM BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
HELEN VINTON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
RANDI ROTH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ALEX HITT BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
BECKY CEARTAS STAFF REPRESENTATIVE	40.00	X					37,831.	0.	7,734.	
BETTY BAILEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X			62,259.	0.	21,032.	



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Part VIII		Statement of Revenue		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1447501.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,447,501.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a	SRV CONTRACTS & HONORA	Business Code	342,678.	342,678.		
		b	PUBLICATIONS		54.	54.		
c								
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		342,732.				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2,282.			2,282.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		Gross Rents		34,759.				
		Less: rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)		34,759.				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		34,759.			34,759.	
	7 a			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory						
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses			2,573.			
	c	Gain or (loss)			-2,573.			
	d	Net gain or (loss)			-2,573.		-2,573.	
	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								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			1,824,701.	342,732.	0.	34,468.	

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**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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 .....				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 .....				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 .....				
4 Benefits paid to or for members .....				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees .....	162,349.	98,844.	47,317.	16,188.
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 .....	415,416.	333,170.	6,656.	75,590.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) .....	16,986.	12,205.	2,727.	2,054.
9 Other employee benefits .....	170,702.	122,892.	30,039.	17,771.
10 Payroll taxes .....				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management .....				
b Legal .....				
c Accounting .....				
d Lobbying .....				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 .....				
f Investment management fees .....				
g Other .....	210,744.	189,384.	15,944.	5,416.
12 Advertising and promotion .....				
13 Office expenses .....				
14 Information technology .....				
15 Royalties .....				
16 Occupancy .....	23,800.	12,072.	11,728.	
17 Travel .....	76,399.	67,979.	3,637.	4,783.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings .....	46,849.	45,452.	1,397.	
20 Interest .....				
21 Payments to affiliates .....				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .....	24,964.	13,158.	11,806.	
23 Insurance .....	2,484.		2,484.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.) .....				
a <b>ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRACT</b> .....	56,052.	56,052.	0.	0.
b <b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b> .....	24,961.	16,720.	8,241.	0.
c <b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> .....	19,468.	16,979.	1,845.	644.
d <b>PRINTING AND COPYING</b> .....	14,721.	6,785.	521.	7,415.
e <b>EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE</b> .....	11,332.	3,634.	7,497.	201.
f All other expenses .....	24,867.	11,858.	5,541.	7,468.
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	1,302,094.	1,007,184.	157,380.	137,530.
26 <b>Joint Costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation ...				

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**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	203,500.	1	43,285.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments .....		2	366,372.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	470,000.	3	720,857.
	4	Accounts receivable, net .....	3,355.	4	34,004.
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net .....		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use .....		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	2,460.	9	2,818.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis ...	1,108,419.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	206,670.	10c	901,749.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities .....		11	
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		12	50,809.
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13	
	14	Intangible assets .....		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	17,842.	15	8,251.
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	1,616,324.	16	2,128,145.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	41,155.	17	49,164.
	18	Grants payable .....		18	
	19	Deferred revenue .....		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20	
	21	Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21	
	22	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 .....		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D .....	106,213.	25	95,959.
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	147,368.	26	145,123.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets .....	1,195,067.	27	1,326,924.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets .....	273,889.	28	656,098.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets .....		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....	1,468,956.	33	1,983,022.	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	1,616,324.	34	2,128,145.	

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? .....		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? .....	X	
c	If "Yes" to lines 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? .....	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? .....		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? .....		

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization **RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA** Employer identification number **56-1704863**

**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: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 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.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H.)
- 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 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 the Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**. (see instructions)
- 11  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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I
  - b  Type II
  - c  Type III - Functionally integrated
  - d  Type III - Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....	<b>11g(i)</b>	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....	<b>11g(ii)</b>	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....	<b>11g(iii)</b>	
- h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

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**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.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	753,024.	711,549.	1194994.	1362911.	1447501.	5469979.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 - 3 .....	753,024.	711,549.	1194994.	1362911.	1447501.	5469979.
<b>5</b> 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) .....						1242018.
<b>6 Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						4227961.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	753,024.	711,549.	1194994.	1362911.	1447501.	5469979.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....	25,281.	28,508.	25,507.	34,265.	37,041.	150,602.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 .....						5620581.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	739,129.
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>	75.22 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f .....	<b>15</b>	79.92 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008.</b> 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>b 33 1/3% support test - 2007.</b> 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"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008.</b> 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007.</b> 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> 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 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> 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 .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ...						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 - 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ...						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>13 Total support</b> (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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2008</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2007</b> Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** 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 - 2007.** 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

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

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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▶ **To be completed by organizations described below.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

**If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, 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," to 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," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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**Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations.**

See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours .....

**Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 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 of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's funds or were political contributions received and 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 To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).** See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.  
**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												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) .....	224.	224.												
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	45,754.	45,754.												
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	45,978.	45,978.												
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	961,206.	994,404.												
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	1,007,184.	1,040,382.												
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	175,718.	179,038.												
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	43,930.	44,760.												
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a .....														
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c .....														
<b>j</b>	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 instructions for lines 2a through 2f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount	185,262.	210,553.	214,252.	179,038.	789,105.
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,183,658.
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	35,836.	32,492.	58,282.	45,978.	172,588.
<b>d</b> Grassroots non-taxable amount	46,316.	52,638.	53,563.	44,760.	197,277.
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					295,916.
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,683.	1,001.	4,983.	224.	7,891.

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

Table with 4 columns: Question, (a) Yes, (a) No, (b) Amount. Rows include questions about influencing legislation, volunteers, staff, media, mailings, publications, grants, direct contact, rallies, and other activities.

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

Table with 4 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about dues, lobbying expenditures, and carryover lobbying.

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." See Schedule C instructions for details.

Table with 4 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about dues, non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures, and taxable amount.

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Blank lines for providing supplemental information.

**Schedule D**  
**(Form 990)**

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**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

**1** Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).  
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)     Preservation of an historically important land area  
 Protection of natural habitat     Preservation of certified historic structure  
 Preservation of open space

**2** Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
<b>a</b> Total number of conservation easements .....	<b>2a</b>
<b>b</b> Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	<b>2b</b>
<b>c</b> Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	<b>2c</b>
<b>d</b> Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 .....	<b>2d</b>

**3** Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

Yes  No

**6** Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

Yes  No

**9** In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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

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

- 1a** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- b** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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) Revenues included in 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 relating to these items:
- a** Revenues included in 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 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 **d**  Loan or exchange programs
- b**  Scholarly research **e**  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.
- 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 Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to 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 XIV and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

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

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b** Permanent endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c** Term endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes           | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations   | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations  | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | <b>3b</b>     |    |
- 4** Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Investments - Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land		168,229.		168,229.
<b>b</b> Buildings		908,720.	188,732.	719,988.
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment		22,050.	8,572.	13,478.
<b>e</b> Other		9,420.	9,366.	54.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				901,749.





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

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**Transactions with Interested Persons**

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ To be completed by organizations that answered  
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,  
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, lines 38a or 40b.

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Total</b> .....				▶ \$						

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of grant or type of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
BETTY BAILEY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	4,000.	RAFIS EXECU		X

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR SCHEDULE L CONTINUATIONS

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:  
 THAT SUPPORT THRIVING, SOCIALLY JUST, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND FAMILY  
 FARMS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
 EDUCATES FARMERS ON THE LEGAL AND MARKET LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH  
 USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO) IN AGRICULTURE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:  
 TOBACCO COMMUNITIES AND AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT: THIS  
 PROGRAM SERVES AS A RESOURCE FOR FARMERS AND COMMUNITIES SEEKING TO  
 SURVIVE THE RAPID CHANGES IN TOBACCO MARKETS. THROUGH THE TOBACCO  
 COMMUNITIES REINVESTMENT FUND, THE PROGRAM PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND  
 COST-SHARE SUPPORT TO INNOVATIVE PRODUCERS AND COMMUNITIES THAT  
 DEMONSTRATE MARKET-WORTHY WAYS FOR FAMILY FARMERS TO REPLACE LOST  
 TOBACCO INCOME. BETWEEN 2003 AND 2007, RAFI ASSISTED 87 NEW  
 AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, RETAINED AND CREATED 747 JOBS, AND LEVERAGED  
 \$2.5 MILLION IN NEW INVESTMENT. THESE ENTERPRISES ARE GENERATING CLOSE  
 TO \$4 MILLION IN NEW ANNUAL FARM INCOME.  
 EXPENSES \$ 129630. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 237.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WERE MADE TO  
 THE BYLAWS. COPY OF BYLAWS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: UPON COMPLETION, AUDITED FINANCIAL  
 STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 ARE MAILED TO THE BOARD. AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990)**

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MEMBERS MEET BY CONFERENCE CALL WITH AUDITOR TO REVIEW. TREASURER/AUDIT FINANCE CHAIR PROVIDES REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORMALLY ACCEPTS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS MONITORED WHENEVER A SITUATION ARISES THAT COULD BE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. ADDITIONALLY, DISCLOSURES BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE MADE ANNUALLY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: RAFI HAS A UNIQUE SALARY EQUITY POLICY: A STAFF MEMBER WILL EXPECT TO ENTER EMPLOYMENT AT THE SAME SALARY AS OTHERS ENTER (CURRENTLY \$32,000); SHE OR HE WILL EXPECT TO RECEIVE SALARY RAISES AT THE SAME RATE AS OTHERS; AND SHE OR HE CAN EXPECT TO BE TREATED WITH EQUAL RESPECT REGARDLESS OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES, EDUCATION OR PAST WORK EXPERIENCES. IN 2008, RAFI MADE AN EXCEPTION TO THE POLICY WHEN WE HIRED A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE SENIOR STAFF LEVEL SALARY (\$65,000). THE DECISION WAS MADE BY THE BOARD WITH INPUT FROM STAFF. NONPROFIT COMPENSATION STUDIES SHOWED THIS AMOUNT TO BE ON THE LOW END FOR EDS IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MID-RANGE FOR NC ORGANIZATIONS OF SIMILAR STAFF AND BUDGET SIZE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSEES THE SELECTION OF THE AUDITORS AND THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS. NO CHANGES

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

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HAVE BEEN MADE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: BETTY BAILEY

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVES ON BOARD

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: RAFI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE FARMERS LEGAL ACTION GROUP (FLAG). FLAG IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN MINNEAPOLIS MN AND HAS HAD A LONG-TIME PARTNERSHIP WITH RAFI. FROM TIME TO TIME THE ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGE IN JOINT FUNDRAISING AND CONTRACT WITH EACH OTHER FOR SERVICES. IN 2008, RAFI CONTRACTED WITH FLAG FOR SERVICES TO ITS CONTRACT AG REFORM PROGRAM AND FARM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM.

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**  
▶ **See separate instructions.**

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities**

(A) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets	(F) Direct controlling entity

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations**

(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Exempt Code section	(E) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(F) Direct controlling entity
RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE - 06-1656357 PO BOX 640 PITTSBORO, NC 27312	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION	NORTH CAROLINA	501(C)(3)	509(A) 3 TYPE II	RURAL ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL - USA



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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations**

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest <b>(ii)</b> annuities <b>(iii)</b> royalties <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity .....		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s) .....		X
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s) .....		X
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s) .....		X
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s) .....		X
<b>f</b> Sale of assets to other organization(s) .....		X
<b>g</b> Purchase of assets from other organization(s) .....		X
<b>h</b> Exchange of assets .....		X
<b>i</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s) .....		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s) .....		X
<b>k</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s) .....		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s) .....		X
<b>m</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets .....	X	
<b>n</b> Sharing of paid employees .....	X	
<b>o</b> Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses .....		X
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses .....	X	
<b>q</b> Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s) .....		X
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s) .....		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(A) Name of other organization(s)	(B) Transaction type (a-r)	(C) Amount involved
(1) RURAL ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE	P	216,002.
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(3)		
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