

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

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047  
**2019**  
Open to Public Inspection

**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019, and ending 12-31-2019**

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

**C** Name of organization  
RURAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
1350 WEST PRAIRIE DRIVE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
SYCAMORE, IL 60178

**D** Employer identification number  
36-6117676

**E** Telephone number  
(815) 756-6361

**G** Gross receipts \$ 20,902,195

**F** Name and address of principal officer  
MARK TUTTLE  
1350 WEST PRAIRIE DRIVE  
SYCAMORE, IL 60178

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**I** Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 2 ) ◀ (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: ▶ N/A

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation 1936

**M** State of legal domicile IL

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities  
TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND ENRICH THE QUALITY OF FARM FAMILY LIFE

**2** Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

|  |    |   |
|--|----|---|
| <b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)             | 3  | 4 |
| <b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4  | 4 |
| <b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)  | 5  | 0 |
| <b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)                            | 6  | 3 |
| <b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12         | 7a | 0 |
| <b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39               | 7b | 0 |

|   | Prior Year                | Current Year |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)                                      | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)                                       | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)                     | 135,638                   | 1,281,974    |
| <b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)          | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)  | 135,638                   | 1,281,974    |
| <b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)                  | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)                     | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)                    | 0                         | 0            |
| <b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0                      |                           |              |
| <b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)                      | 1,031,060                 | 873,713      |
| <b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)          | 1,031,060                 | 873,713      |
| <b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12                               | -895,422                  | 408,261      |
|   | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year  |
| <b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)  | 10,103,732                | 11,643,853   |
| <b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)   | 431,556                   | 311,252      |
| <b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20                         | 9,672,176                 | 11,332,601   |

**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: 2020-05-04

MARK TUTTLE PRESIDENT  
Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

|  |                         |                    |   |                   |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| Print/Type preparer's name   | Preparer's signature    | Date<br>2020-05-04 | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN<br>P00691729 |
| Firm's name ▶ CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP                                   | Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749 |                    | Phone no (309) 662-4356                         |                   |
| Firm's address ▶ 404 NORTH HERSHEY RD SUITE A<br>BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704 |                         |                    |   |                   |

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND ENRICH THE QUALITY OF FARM FAMILY LIFE

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
See Additional Data

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

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

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶

| Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules |   | Yes | No |
|---|---|-----|----|
| <b>1</b>                                | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>2</b>                                | Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>3</b>                                | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>4</b>                                | <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .   |     |    |
| <b>5</b>                                | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>6</b>                                | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>7</b>                                | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>8</b>                                | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>9</b>                                | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .             |     | No |
| <b>10</b>                               | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>11</b>                               | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable  |     |    |
| <b>11a</b>                              | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>11b</b>                              | Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>11c</b>                              | Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>11d</b>                              | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>11e</b>                              | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .   | Yes |    |
| <b>11f</b>                              | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .  | Yes |    |
| <b>12a</b>                              | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .  | Yes |    |
| <b>12b</b>                              | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional . . . . .   | Yes |    |
| <b>13</b>                               | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>14a</b>                              | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>14b</b>                              | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . . |     | No |
| <b>15</b>                               | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>16</b>                               | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>17</b>                               | Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>18</b>                               | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>19</b>                               | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>20a</b>                              | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>20b</b>                              | If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?  |     |    |
| <b>21</b>                               | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .   |     | No |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

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 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding IRS filings and gaming winnings.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Main form area containing questions 2a through 16, with various sub-questions and input fields.

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (4), 1b (4), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

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, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection
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

**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, or 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

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above

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

| (A)<br>Name and title                             | (B)<br>Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C)<br>Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) |                       |         |              |                              |        | (D)<br>Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E)<br>Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F)<br>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) MARK TUTTLE<br>.....<br>PRESIDENT             | 1 00<br>.....  | X   |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| (2) PHILLIP MONTGOMERY<br>.....<br>VICE-PRESIDENT | 1 00<br>.....  | X   |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| (3) STEVE DRENDEL<br>.....<br>TREASURER           | 1 00<br>.....  | X   |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| (4) ROY PLOTE<br>.....<br>SECRETARY               | 1 00<br>.....  | X   |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 0  | 0   | 0   |
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| Part VII <b>Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees</b> <i>(continued)</i> |  |   |                       |         |              |                              |        |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|
| (A)<br>Name and title   | (B)<br>Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C)<br>Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) |                       |         |              |                              |        | (D)<br>Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E)<br>Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F)<br>Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|   |  | Individual trustee or director  | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former |  |   |   |
|   |  |   |                       |         |              |                              |        |  |   |   |
|   |  |   |                       |         |              |                              |        |  |   |   |
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|   |  |   |                       |         |              |                              |        |  |   |   |
| <b>1b Sub-Total</b> . . . . .   |  |   |                       |         |              |                              | 0      | 0  | 0   |   |
| <b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .  |  |   |                       |         |              |                              |        |  |   |   |
| <b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .  |  |   |                       |         |              |                              | 0      | 0  | 0   |   |

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

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|--|----------|-----|----|
| <b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .  | <b>3</b> | Yes | No |
| <b>4</b> 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> . . . . . | <b>4</b> |     | No |
| <b>5</b> 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> . . . . .                       | <b>5</b> |     | No |

**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)<br>Name and business address | (B)<br>Description of services | (C)<br>Compensation |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  |                                |                     |
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|                                  |                                |                     |

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



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

|   |   | (A)<br>Total revenue | (B)<br>Related or<br>exempt<br>function<br>revenue | (C)<br>Unrelated<br>business<br>revenue | (D)<br>Revenue<br>excluded from<br>tax under sections<br>512 - 514 |
|---|---|----------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b> | <b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .   | <b>1a</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .  | <b>1b</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .   | <b>1c</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .  | <b>1d</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) . . . . .  | <b>1e</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . . | <b>1f</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f \$ . . . . .                             | <b>1g</b>            |  |   |  |
|   | <b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶   |                      |  |   |  |

| <b>Program Service Revenue</b>                       |  |               | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
|--|--|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  |  | Business Code |     |     |     |     |
| <b>2a</b>  |  |               |     |     |     |     |
| <b>b</b>   |  |               |     |     |     |     |
| <b>c</b>   |  |               |     |     |     |     |
| <b>d</b>   |  |               |     |     |     |     |
| <b>e</b>   |  |               |     |     |     |     |
| <b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . . |  |               |     |     |     |     |
| <b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f. . . . . ▶           |  |               |     |     |     |     |

|   |   |                |               |         |         |         |
|---|---|----------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Other Revenue</b>  | <b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶   |                | 434,638       |         |         | 434,638 |
|   | <b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . ▶   |                |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>5</b> Royalties . . . . . ▶  |                |               |         |         |         |
|   |   | (i) Real       | (ii) Personal |         |         |         |
|   | <b>6a</b> Gross rents . . . . .   | <b>6a</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>b</b> Less rental expenses . . . . .   | <b>6b</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) . . . . .  | <b>6c</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶  |                |               |         |         |         |
|   |   | (i) Securities | (ii) Other    |         |         |         |
|   | <b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory . . . . .  | <b>7a</b>      | 20,467,557    |         |         |         |
|   | <b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .  | <b>7b</b>      | 19,620,221    |         |         |         |
|   | <b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .   | <b>7c</b>      | 847,336       |         |         |         |
|   | <b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶   |                | 847,336       | 847,336 |         |         |
|   | <b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . | <b>8a</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .   | <b>8b</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . ▶   |                |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .  | <b>9a</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .   | <b>9b</b>      |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . ▶  |                |               |         |         |         |
|   | <b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .  | <b>10a</b>     |               |         |         |         |
| <b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .                        | <b>10b</b>  |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . ▶ |   |                |               |         |         |         |
| Miscellaneous Revenue   | Business Code   |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>11a</b>  |   |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>b</b>  |   |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>c</b>  |   |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .                              |   |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶                     |   |                |               |         |         |         |
| <b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . . ▶             |   | 1,281,974      | 847,336       | 0       | 434,638 |         |

**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

| <b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>  | <b>(A)</b><br>Total expenses | <b>(B)</b><br>Program service expenses | <b>(C)</b><br>Management and general expenses | <b>(D)</b><br>Fundraising expenses |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>a</b> Management . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>b</b> Legal . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>e</b> Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .  | 153,713                      |  |   |                                    |
| <b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>17</b> Travel . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>20</b> Interest . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>24</b> 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 )                                       |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>a</b> DISTRIBUTION TO DEKALB  | 720,000                      |  |   |                                    |
| <b>b</b>   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>c</b>   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>d</b>   |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>e</b> All other expenses  |                              |  |   |                                    |
| <b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e   | 873,713                      |  |   |                                    |
| <b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) |                              |  |   |                                    |

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

|   |  | (A)<br>Beginning of year |            | (B)<br>End of year |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   | <b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .   |                          | <b>1</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .  |                          | <b>2</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .  |                          | <b>3</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .  | 36,352                   | <b>4</b>   | 29,144             |
|   | <b>5</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .  |                          | <b>5</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .   |                          | <b>6</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .   |                          | <b>7</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .   |                          | <b>8</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .   |                          | <b>9</b>   |                    |
|   | <b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis—Complete Part VI of Schedule D   | <b>10a</b>               |            |                    |
|   | <b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation   | <b>10b</b>               |            | <b>10c</b>         |
|   | <b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .   | 10,067,380               | <b>11</b>  | 11,614,709         |
|   | <b>12</b> Investments—other securities—See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .  |                          | <b>12</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>13</b> Investments—program-related—See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .   |                          | <b>13</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .  |                          | <b>14</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>15</b> Other assets—See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .  |                          | <b>15</b>  |                    |
| <b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . . | 10,103,732   | <b>16</b>                | 11,643,853 |                    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  | <b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .  | 40,000                   | <b>17</b>  | 40,000             |
|   | <b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .   |                          | <b>18</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .   |                          | <b>19</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .  |                          | <b>20</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability—Complete Part IV of Schedule D   |                          | <b>21</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . . |                          | <b>22</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .   |                          | <b>23</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .   |                          | <b>24</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>25</b> 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   | 391,556                  | <b>25</b>  | 271,252            |
|   | <b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .   | 431,556                  | <b>26</b>  | 311,252            |
| <b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>  | <b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>   |                          |            |                    |
|   | <b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .  | 9,672,176                | <b>27</b>  | 11,332,601         |
|   | <b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .   |                          | <b>28</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>  |                          |            |                    |
|   | <b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .   |                          | <b>29</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .  |                          | <b>30</b>  |                    |
|   | <b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds   |                          | <b>31</b>  |                    |
| <b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .                         | 9,672,176  | <b>32</b>                | 11,332,601 |                    |
| <b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .            | 10,103,732   | <b>33</b>                | 11,643,853 |                    |

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

|           |   |           |            |
|-----------|---|-----------|------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)   | <b>1</b>  | 1,281,974  |
| <b>2</b>  | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)  | <b>2</b>  | 873,713    |
| <b>3</b>  | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1   | <b>3</b>  | 408,261    |
| <b>4</b>  | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))                     | <b>4</b>  | 9,672,176  |
| <b>5</b>  | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments  | <b>5</b>  | 1,252,164  |
| <b>6</b>  | Donated services and use of facilities  | <b>6</b>  |            |
| <b>7</b>  | Investment expenses   | <b>7</b>  |            |
| <b>8</b>  | Prior period adjustments  | <b>8</b>  |            |
| <b>9</b>  | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)  | <b>9</b>  | 0          |
| <b>10</b> | Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | <b>10</b> | 11,332,601 |

**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 |
|-----------|-----|----|
| <b>2a</b> |     | No |
| <b>2b</b> | Yes |    |
| <b>2c</b> | Yes |    |
| <b>3a</b> |     | No |
| <b>3b</b> |     |    |

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:**

INVESTMENT INCOME - TO MAINTAIN AN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PROVIDING INCOME TO DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO SUPPORT ITS OPERATION

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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2019**

**Open to Public Inspection**

▶ 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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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of the organization**  
RURAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

**Employer identification number**  
36-6117676

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

|  | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Total number at end of year                       |                         |                              |
| <b>2</b> Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) |                         |                              |
| <b>3</b> Aggregate value of grants from (during year)      |                         |                              |
| <b>4</b> Aggregate value at end of year                    |                         |                              |

- 5** Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?  Yes  No
- 6** Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?  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)
- Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)  Preservation of an historically important land area
- Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure
- Preservation of open space

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

|   | 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 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | <b>2d</b>                   |

- 3** Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4** Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5** Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No
- 6** Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7** Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8** Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No
- 9** In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  **Yes**  **No**

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  **Yes**  **No**

- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- c** Beginning balance
  - d** Additions during the year
  - e** Distributions during the year
  - f** Ending balance

|           | Amount |
|-----------|--------|
| <b>1c</b> |        |
| <b>1d</b> |        |
| <b>1e</b> |        |
| <b>1f</b> |        |

- 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 in 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 |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .                     |                  |                |                    |                      |                     |
| <b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .                                  |                  |                |                    |                      |                     |
| <b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

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

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- |  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .   |     |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .  |     |    |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . |     |    |

- 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 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>1a</b> Land . . . . .   |                                      |                                 |                              |                |
| <b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .   |                                      |                                 |                              |                |
| <b>c</b> Leasehold improvements  |                                      |                                 |                              |                |
| <b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .   |                                      |                                 |                              |                |
| <b>e</b> Other . . . . .   |                                      |                                 |                              |                |
| <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . . . |                                      |                                 |                              | 0              |

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

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

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

| (a) Description of investment  | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation<br>Cost or end-of-year market<br>value |
|--|----------------|--|
| (1)  |                |  |
| (2)  |                |  |
| (3)  |                |  |
| (4)  |                |  |
| (5)  |                |  |
| (6)  |                |  |
| (7)  |                |  |
| (8)  |                |  |
| (9)  |                |  |
| <b>Total.</b> (Column (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)  |                |
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| (9)  |                |
| <b>Total.</b> (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 |
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| (1) Federal income taxes   |                |
| (2)  |                |
| (3)  |                |
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| (9)  |                |
| <b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25 ) | 271,252        |

**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.

|          |   |           |           |           |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .                      |           | <b>1</b>  | 2,534,138 |
| <b>2</b> | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12                                      |           |           |           |
| <b>a</b> | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .  | <b>2a</b> | 1,252,164 |           |
| <b>b</b> | Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .  | <b>2b</b> |           |           |
| <b>c</b> | Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .   | <b>2c</b> |           |           |
| <b>d</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .  | <b>2d</b> |           |           |
| <b>e</b> | Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .   |           | <b>2e</b> | 1,252,164 |
| <b>3</b> | Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .  |           | <b>3</b>  | 1,281,974 |
| <b>4</b> | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1                                     |           |           |           |
| <b>a</b> | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .                              | <b>4a</b> |           |           |
| <b>b</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .  | <b>4b</b> |           |           |
| <b>c</b> | Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .   |           | <b>4c</b> | 0         |
| <b>5</b> | Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . . |           | <b>5</b>  | 1,281,974 |

**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.

|          |  |           |           |   |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|---|
| <b>1</b> | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .                                     |           | <b>1</b>  | 0 |
| <b>2</b> | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25   |           |           |   |
| <b>a</b> | Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .   | <b>2a</b> |           |   |
| <b>b</b> | Prior year adjustments . . . . .   | <b>2b</b> |           |   |
| <b>c</b> | Other losses . . . . .   | <b>2c</b> |           |   |
| <b>d</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .   | <b>2d</b> |           |   |
| <b>e</b> | Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .  |           | <b>2e</b> | 0 |
| <b>3</b> | Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .   |           | <b>3</b>  | 0 |
| <b>4</b> | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:                                       |           |           |   |
| <b>a</b> | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .                               | <b>4a</b> |           |   |
| <b>b</b> | Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .   | <b>4b</b> |           |   |
| <b>c</b> | Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .  |           | <b>4c</b> | 0 |
| <b>5</b> | Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . . |           | <b>5</b>  | 0 |

**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

| Return Reference          | Explanation |
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| See Additional Data Table |             |
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**Part XIII** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 36-6117676

**Name:** RURAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

## Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation   |
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| PART X, LINE 2   | FASB CODIFICATION SECTION 740-10 RELATED TO UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES REQUIRE ENTITIES TO ANALYZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF DISALLOWANCE OF TAX POSITIONS TAKEN IN RETURNS ALREADY FILED OR TO BE FILED IN THE CASE OF EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES THIS EVALUATION OF TAX POSITIONS MAY RESULT IN THE RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL TAX LIABILITIES OR DERECOGNITION OF CERTAIN TAX ASSETS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SOCIETY'S TAX ADVISORS, MANAGEMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS REQUIRING RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 THE SOCIETY'S INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES FOR TAX YEARS 2016, 2017, 2018 AND 2019 RETURNS ARE GENERALLY SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN FILED |

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

**2019**  
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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization  
RURAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Employer identification number

36-6117676

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| Return Reference                     | Explanation                        |
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| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6 | THE SOCIETY HAS TEN VOTING MEMBERS |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>                        | <b>Explanation</b>   |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION A,<br>LINE 7A | THE SOCIETY'S TEN VOTING MEMBERS ELECT THE GOVERNING BOARD |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>                        | <b>Explanation</b>   |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION A,<br>LINE 7B | VARIOUS GOVERNING DECISIONS OF THE SOCIETY ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE TEN VOTING MEMBERS |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>                         | <b>Explanation</b>                                   |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION B,<br>LINE 11B | RETURN WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING |

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference                                | Explanation  |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION B,<br>LINE 12C | THE SOCIETY ANNUALLY REVIEWS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS AND CONFLICTS ARE DEALT WITH AS THEY ARISE |



**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>                        | <b>Explanation</b>   |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION C,<br>LINE 19 | THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE AND ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST |

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

| <b>Return Reference</b>           | <b>Explanation</b>  |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART XII,<br>LINE 2C | THE PROCESS FOR OVERSEEING THE AUDIT AND SELECTING AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIRMS THE SELECTION |

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2019**

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
RURAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

**Employer identification number**

36-6117676

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

| (a)<br>Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity | (b)<br>Primary activity | (c)<br>Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d)<br>Total income | (e)<br>End-of-year assets | (f)<br>Direct controlling entity |
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**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

| (a)<br>Name, address, and EIN of related organization  | (b)<br>Primary activity  | (c)<br>Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d)<br>Exempt Code section | (e)<br>Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3)) | (f)<br>Direct controlling entity | (g)<br>Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? |    |
|--|--|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----|
|  |  |  |                            |   |                                  | Yes  | No |
| (1) DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU<br>1350 W PRAIRE DRIVE<br><br>SYCAMORE, IL 60178<br>36-0981690 | TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF AGRICULTURE AND ENRICH FARM FAMILIES | IL   | 501(C)(5)                  |   | RURAL IMPROVEMNT SOCIETY         |  | No |
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**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

| (a)<br>Name, address, and EIN of<br>related organization | (b)<br>Primary<br>activity | (c)<br>Legal<br>domicile<br>(state<br>or<br>foreign<br>country) | (d)<br>Direct<br>controlling<br>entity | (e)<br>Predominant<br>income(related,<br>unrelated,<br>excluded from<br>tax under<br>sections 512-<br>514) | (f)<br>Share of<br>total income | (g)<br>Share of<br>end-of-year<br>assets | (h)<br>Disproportionate<br>allocations? |    | (i)<br>Code V-UBI<br>amount in box<br>20 of<br>Schedule K-1<br>(Form 1065) | (j)<br>General or<br>managing<br>partner? |    | (k)<br>Percentage<br>ownership |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|----|--|---|----|--------------------------------|
|  |                            |   |  |  |                                 |  | Yes                                     | No |  | Yes                                       | No |                                |
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**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

| (a)<br>Name, address, and EIN of<br>related organization | (b)<br>Primary activity | (c)<br>Legal<br>domicile<br>(state or foreign<br>country) | (d)<br>Direct controlling<br>entity | (e)<br>Type of entity<br>(C corp, S corp,<br>or trust) | (f)<br>Share of total<br>income | (g)<br>Share of end-of-<br>year<br>assets | (h)<br>Percentage<br>ownership | (i)<br>Section 512(b)<br>(13) controlled<br>entity? |    |
|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|----|
|  |                         |   |                                     |  |                                 |   |                                | Yes   | No |
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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

|  | Yes       | No  |
|--|-----------|-----|
| <b>1</b> 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? |           |     |
| <b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .               | <b>1a</b> | No  |
| <b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1b</b> | No  |
| <b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1c</b> | No  |
| <b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .  | <b>1d</b> | No  |
| <b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1e</b> | No  |
| <b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .  | <b>1f</b> | No  |
| <b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1g</b> | No  |
| <b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1h</b> | No  |
| <b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1i</b> | No  |
| <b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .  | <b>1j</b> | No  |
| <b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .  | <b>1k</b> | No  |
| <b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .  | <b>1l</b> | No  |
| <b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1m</b> | No  |
| <b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1n</b> | Yes |
| <b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .  | <b>1o</b> | Yes |
| <b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .  | <b>1p</b> | No  |
| <b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .  | <b>1q</b> | No  |
| <b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1r</b> | Yes |
| <b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .   | <b>1s</b> | No  |

**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)<br>Name of related organization | (b)<br>Transaction type (a-s) | (c)<br>Amount involved | (d)<br>Method of determining amount involved |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| (1) DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU       | R                             | 720,000                | ACTUAL CASH VALUE                            |
| (2) DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU       | N                             |                        | NOT CHARGED                                  |
| (3) DEKALB COUNTY FARM BUREAU       | O                             |                        | NOT CHARGED                                  |
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**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

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

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

| <b>Return Reference</b> | <b>Explanation</b> |
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