Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1987

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
MERRILL FARMS, LLC

P.O. BOX 659
SALINAS, CA 93902-0659

18900 PORTOLA DRIVE
SUITE 100
SALINAS, CA 93908

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 77-0545932

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 831-424-7365

2d Business code (see instructions) 111210

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2017	GLEN DUPREE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b** EIN	
a Sponsor's name	**4c** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	370
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	336
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	333
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	30
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	363
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	363
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	167
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] 1 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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A Name of plan
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERRILL FARMS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions

Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY USA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year (f) From	Policy or contract year (g) To
01-0233346	65838	11556	167	01/01/2016	12/31/2016

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
14718	236

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
HAYASHI & WAYLAND ADMIN AND INS
1188 PADRE DRIVE
SALINAS, CA 93901

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid (c) Amount	Fees and other commissions paid (d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
14718			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
HAYASHI & WAYLAND RPS
1188 PADRE DRIVE
SALINAS, CA 93901

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid (c) Amount	Fees and other commissions paid (d) Purpose	(e) Organization code
	236	TPA COMPENSATION	5

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	**6b**	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	**6c**	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	**6d**	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			**7b**	0
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**			
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**			
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**			
	(5) Other (specify below)	**7c(5)**			
	▶				
	(6) Total additions			**7c(6)**	0
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			**7d**	0
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**			
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**			
	(4) Other (specify below)	**7e(4)**			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			**7e(5)**	0
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			**7f**	0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERRILL FARMS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

01-0233346

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
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a Name:	**b** EIN:
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c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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MERRILL FARMS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2055 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	22496

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2050 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	153437

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2045 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	283950

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2040 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	326521

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2035 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	380589

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2030 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	461227

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2025 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
01-0233346-000	P	156555

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2020 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 124200

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2015 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 75919

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH THRU 2010 ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 16940

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH LS AGG ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 176184

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH LS GROW ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3404

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH LS MOD ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 55560

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH LS CON ACTIVE STRATEGY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 252992

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN CENTURY HERITAGE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 240923

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA INTERNATIONAL VALUE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2568

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US SMALL CAP FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1787

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FINANCIAL INDUSTRIES FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 65780

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN SMALL-MID GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 37292

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 29398

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL SMALL CAP FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23595

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9484

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 75311

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP STOCK FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 55592

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 110432

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAST EST. SECURITIES FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 115855

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 54381

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8469
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 109174
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 185173
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SML CAP VAL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8201
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD ENERGY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 100946
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 75942
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 77728
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 115672
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL APPRECIATION FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 124448
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CLEARBRIDGE AGGRESSIVE GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 283845

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DOMINI IMPACT EQUITY FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12388

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EUROPACIFIC GROWTH FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 67883

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN MUTUAL BEACON FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 719082

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MUTUAL GLOBAL DISCOVERY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 62867

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL ALL CAP CORE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 253964

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK DISCIPLINED VALUE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 221440

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN MIDCAP VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 149638

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN US EQUITY FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 64905

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15367

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID VALUE FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 25290

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPENHEIMER GLOBAL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 93781
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE EQUITY INC		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 36266
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 33291
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 51553
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7932
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN BALANCED FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7655
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: UTILITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 46380
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 77602
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 49319
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SPECTRUM INC.		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5472

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK STABLE VAL

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 141370

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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2016

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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERRILL FARMS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		19
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	5660648	6545414
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	5660648	6545433
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	5660648	6545433

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	321388	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	437256	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		758644
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		0
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		473321
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		3580
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1235545
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	350760	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		350760
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		0
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		350760
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		884785
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☒ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: MARK ANDERSON, CPA **(2)** EIN: 46-1376748

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		550000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n			
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2016

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERRILL FARMS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 01-0233346

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC

RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2016 and 2015

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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MARK ANDERSON
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Committee of
Merrill Farms, LLC Retirement Plan & Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

I was engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Merrill Farms, LLC Retirement Plan & Trust, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Plan management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed me not to perform, and I did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note H, which was certified by John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA), the Custodian and the Trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules. I have been informed by the plan administrator that John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA) holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, that the information provided to the plan administrator by John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA) is complete and accurate.

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Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, I have not been able to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental Schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2016, is required by Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, I do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustees, have been audited by me in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in my opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.



Mark Anderson, CPA
Modesto, CA

October 3, 2017

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2016 and 2015

ASSETS:	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Investments		
At fair value		
Pooled separate accounts	$ 6,545,414	$ 5,660,648
At book value		
Guaranteed interest accounts	-0-	-0-
Total	6,545,414	5,660,648
Contributions Receivable:		
Employer	19	-0-
Total	19	-0-
TOTAL ASSETS	6,545,433	5,660,648
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	-0-	-0-
Accrued expenses	-0-	-0-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-0-	-0-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 6,545,433	$ 5,660,648

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments to include dividends reinvested	$ 473,321	$ (108,652)
Interest income - Guaranteed accounts	-0-	34
Market value adjustment on guaranteed accounts	-0-	(557)
Other income	3,580	3,346
Total	476,901	(105,829)
Contributions:		
Employer	321,388	312,097
Participants	437,256	414,628
Others including rollovers	-0-	-0-
Total	758,644	726,725
TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,235,545	620,896
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid to participants	350,760	230,633
Administrative expenses	-0-	-0-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	350,760	230,633
NET INCREASE	884,785	390,263
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	5,660,648	5,270,385
End of year	$ 6,545,433	$ 5,660,648

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value except for its guaranteed interest accounts which are valued at contract value with an insurance company (Note E). Quoted market prices are used to value investments. Shares of are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at the year-end.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Benefits are recorded when paid.

ADOPTION OF DISCLOSURES FOR INVESTMENTS

In May 2015, FASB issued ASU 2015-07 Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820); *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or its Equivalent).* The ASU removes the requirement to categorize investments measured at fair value using net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient within the fair value hierarchy. The Plan adopted the provisions of ASU 2015-07 for the year ended December 31, 2016. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted and applied retrospectively. The Plan's management adopted ASU 2015-07.

Additionally, in July 2015, FASB issued ASU 2015-12, *Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (962), and Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965): Part (I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, Part (II) Plan Investment Disclosures, Part (III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient.*

This three part standard simplifies, employee benefit plan reporting with respect to the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and plan investment disclosures, and provides for a measurement-date practical expedient. Parts I and II are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and should be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. Part III is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and should be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. Management has elected to adopt Parts I and II.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE B - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:

The following description of Merrill Farms, LLC ("Company") Retirement Plan & Trust ("Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of the Company. The Plan does not have any eligibility requirements and employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon hire. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year, participants may make contributions that cannot exceed the lesser of the annual specified maximum allowed by income tax regulations or 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investments offered by the Plan. Effective January 1, 2013, the Company makes safe-harbor contributions matching participant deferrals up to 5% of each participant's eligible compensation. During the year, the Company contributed $321,388 of safe-harbor matching contributions.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution (if applicable) and (b) Plan earnings. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

VESTING

Participants are vested immediately in the Employer contributions and their contributions to the plan, plus actual earnings thereon.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

On termination of service for any reason, a participant may elect to receive a single sum distribution or annuity payments of all vested amounts.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Company pays the administrative costs of the Plan associated with any professional services provided to the Plan, and the cost of communications to the participants. Administrative expenses recorded in the Plan represent custodian fees and other recordkeeping fees paid directly from the Plan assets.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

		Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using:		
December 31, 2016	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Pooled Separate Accounts	$ 6,545,414	$ 6,545,414	$ -0-	$ -0-
Total assets at fair value	**$ 6,545,414**	**$ 6,545,414**	**$ -0-**	**$ -0-**

December 31, 2015	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Pooled Separate Accounts	$ 5,660,648	$ 5,660,648	$ -0-	$ -0-
Total assets at fair value	**$ 5,660,648**	**$ 5,660,648**	**$ -0-**	**$ -0-**

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (CONT'D)

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets, and Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs were used only when Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements
The fair value at quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements
The fair value at any value other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical assets in inactive markets, and assets that have specified contractual terms.

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements
The fair value at values with unobservable inputs for the asset or liability in situations when there is little, if any, market activity.

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016 are reported in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

NOTE D - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS:

Certain Plan investments were units of pooled separate accounts and guaranteed interest accounts managed by John Hancock USA. John Hancock USA was the custodian of the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions.

In addition, inasmuch as auditing and plan administration services are paid directly by the plan these services are also deemed to be party-in-interest transactions. Total fees, including audit fees and third party administration fees and insurance company contract administration fees, paid by the Plan were $0 in 2016 and $0 in 2015.

Also, certain administrative functions have been performed by the Plan sponsor. There has not been a value calculated for these costs, and therefore the Plan has not been charged for these costs. These costs are further described in NOTE B above.

NOTE E - PLAN TERMINATION:

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, participants would receive benefits under the Plan based on their vested account balance accumulated to the date of the termination of the Plan. Termination of the Plan could occur before attaining normal retirement age.

NOTE F - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES:

Investments consist primarily of pooled separate accounts. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE G - TAX STATUS:

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified.

NOTE H - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY PLAN CUSTODIAN:

The Plan Custodian and Trustee have provided certification that the following information, which is contained in or used to develop the financial statements, is complete and accurate:

1. Details and summaries of assets held at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

2. Summaries of asset transactions for the years then ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

3. Details and summaries of the cash statement for the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by the trustee.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE H - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY PLAN CUSTODIAN: (CONT'D)

	2016	2015
Investments, at fair value:		
Pooled Separate Accounts	$ 6,545,414	$ 5,660,648
Guaranteed Interest Accounts	-0-	-0-
Total	$ 6,545,414	$ 5,660,648

NOTE I - REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:

All participant investments are 100% participant-directed. All investments represent interests issued by a company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Most all of the investments consist of pooled separate accounts.

NOTE J - INCOME TAX RETURNS:

The company's income tax returns are subject to examination by the appropriate tax jurisdictions. As of September 25, 2017 the company's federal and state tax returns generally remain open for the last three years.

NOTE K - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

As indicated in FAS 165, an evaluation of subsequent events was made after December 31, 2016, to the date that the financial statements were substantially complete and available to be issued, which is deemed October 3, 2017.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

MERRILL FARMS, LLC. RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
ID #77-0545932 PLAN #001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i-SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2016

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, borrower, Lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2010 Fund		$ 16,940
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2015 Fund		75,919
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2020 Fund		124,200
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2025 Fund		156,555
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2030 Fund		461,227
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2035 Fund		380,589
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2040 Fund		326,521
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2045 Fund		283,950
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2050 Fund		153,437
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Retirement Living at 2055 Fund		22,496
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Lifestyle Aggressive Active Strategy		176,184
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Lifestyle Growth Strategy		3,404
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	American Century Heritage		240,923
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Lifestyle Mod Active Strategy		55,560
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Lifestyle Con Active Strategy		252,992
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Vanguard Energy Fund		100,946
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	DFA International Fund		2,568
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	International Value Fund		9,484
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech		185,173
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	International Small Cap Fund		23,595
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index		75,942

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, borrower, Lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Oppenheimer Developing Market		$ 110,432
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	International Equity Index Fund		29,398
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	DFA U.S. Small Cap Fund		1,787
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Mid Cap Stock Fund		55,592
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Science & Technology Fund		54,381
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Franklin Small-Mid Growth		37,292
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Oppenheimer Global		93,781
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	EuroPacific Growth Fund		67,883
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Legg Mason ClearBr Agg Growth		283,845
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Invesco Small Cap Growth		75,311
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond		77,602
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Real Est. Securities Fund		115,855
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	T. Rowe Price Health Sci		109,174
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Financial Industries Fund		65,780
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund		253,964
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	T. Rowe Price Small Cap Val		8,201
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Mid Cap Index Fund		15,367
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Small Cap Fund Value		8,469
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Value Fund		51,553
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Disciplined Fund		221,440
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Capital Appreciation Fund		124,448

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DECEMBER 31, 2016

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, borrower, Lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Blue Chip Growth Fund		$ 115,672
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Mid Value Fund		25,290
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JPMorgan US Equity Fund		64,905
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Domini Impact Equity		12,388
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Total Stock Market Index Fund		33,291
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Utilities Fund		46,380
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	T. Rowe Price Equity Inc.		36,266
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	500 Index Fund		77,728
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JPMorgan Midcap Value Fund		149,638
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund		719,082
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Mutual Global Discovery		62,867
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	Washington Mutual Investors		7,932
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	American Balanced Fund		7,655
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	High Yield Fund		49,319
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Inc.		5,472
*	John Hancock Ins. Co.	JH Stable Value Fund		141,369
		Total Investments		**$ 6,545,414**

NOTES:

- Column (a) items with * designates a party in interest.
- Column (d) is blank as all investments are participant directed.

Attachment to 2016 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
EIN: 77-0545932
PN: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2055 Lifetime	0	$22,496
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2050 Lifetime	0	$153,437
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2045 Lifetime	0	$283,950
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2040 Lifetime	0	$326,521
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2035 Lifetime	0	$380,589
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2030 Lifetime	0	$461,227
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2025 Lifetime	0	$156,555
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2020 Lifetime	0	$124,200
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2015 Lifetime	0	$75,919
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager 2010 Lifetime	0	$16,940
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Aggressive LS	0	$176,184
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Growth LS	0	$3,404
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Moderate LS	0	$55,560
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Conserv LS	0	$252,992
*	John Hancock USA	American Century Heritage	0	$240,923
*	John Hancock USA	DFA International Value	0	$2,568
*	John Hancock USA	DFA U.S. Small Cap Fund	0	$1,787
*	John Hancock USA	Financial Industries Fund	0	$65,780
*	John Hancock USA	Franklin Small-Mid Growth	0	$37,292
*	John Hancock USA	Intl Equity Index Fund	0	$29,398
*	John Hancock USA	Intl Small Cap Fund	0	$23,595
*	John Hancock USA	International Value Fund	0	$9,484
*	John Hancock USA	Invesco Small Cap Growth	0	$75,311
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Cap Stock Fund	0	$55,592
*	John Hancock USA	Oppenheimer Developing Mkt	0	$110,432
*	John Hancock USA	Real Est. Securities Fund	0	$115,855
*	John Hancock USA	Science & Technology Fund	0	$54,381
*	John Hancock USA	Small Cap Value Fund	0	$8,469
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Health Sci	0	$109,174
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	0	$185,173
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Sml Cap Val	0	$8,201
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Energy Fund	0	$100,946
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index	0	$75,942
*	John Hancock USA	500 Index Fund	0	$77,728
*	John Hancock USA	Blue Chip Growth Fund	0	$115,672
*	John Hancock USA	Capital Appreciation Fund	0	$124,448
*	John Hancock USA	ClearBridge Aggressive Growth	0	$283,845
*	John Hancock USA	Domini Impact Equity Fund	0	$12,388
*	John Hancock USA	EuroPacific Growth Fund	0	$67,883
*	John Hancock USA	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund	0	$719,082
*	John Hancock USA	Mutual Global Discovery	0	$62,867
*	John Hancock USA	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund	0	$253,964
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Disciplined Value	0	$221,440
*	John Hancock USA	JPMorgan MidCap Value Fund	0	$149,638

Attachment to 2016 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

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*	John Hancock USA	Mid Cap Index Fund	0	$15,367
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Value Fund	0	$25,290
*	John Hancock USA	Oppenheimer Global	0	$93,781
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Equity Inc	0	$36,266
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*	John Hancock USA	Value Fund	0	$51,553
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*	John Hancock USA	Utilities Fund	0	$46,380
*	John Hancock USA	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	0	$77,602
*	John Hancock USA	High Yield Fund	0	$49,319
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Inc	0	$5,472
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Stable Val	0	$141,370
				$6,545,414

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2016

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) ___

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report
- ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1987

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
MERRILL FARMS, LLC

P.O. BOX 659

SALINAS CA 93902-0659

18900 PORTOLA DRIVE
SUITE 100
SALINAS CA 93908

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 77-0545932

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (831) 424-7365

2d Business code (see instructions) 111210

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Signature of plan administrator	Date: 10/9/17	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator: GLEN DUPREE
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date: 10/9/17	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor: GLEN DUPREE
SIGN HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b** EIN	
a Sponsor's name	**4c** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	370
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	336
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	333
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	30
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	363
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	363
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	167
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[X] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] 1 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____