

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
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u>			
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 ☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a	Name of plan <u>THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES</u>	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>030</u>
		1c	Effective date of plan <u>05/01/1996</u>
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) <u>COOPERATIVE FARMERS ELEVATOR</u> <u>PO BOX 37</u> <u>ROCK VALLEY, IA 51247-0037</u>	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0244070</u>
		2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>712-451-6280</u>
		2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>115110</u>

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.	10/12/2017	KELLY HAYERTZ
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2017	SARAH RANSCHAU
	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 ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor ASSOCIATED BENEFITS CORPORATION 1415 28TH STREET, SUITE 100 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266-1450	3b Administrator's EIN 42-1279416
	3c Administrator's telephone number 515-226-0303
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: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 328
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) 264
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 298
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b 1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c 66
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 365
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e 2
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 367
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g 342
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h 6
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 2S 2T	
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) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ 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) ☒ 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) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ 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 C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider 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.	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 THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 030
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 COOPERATIVE FARMERS ELEVATOR	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0244070

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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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)..... ☒ 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 THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC.
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23-1945930

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation GALLIARD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

41-1813702

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS
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04-1867445

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

06-1271230

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

WADDELL & REED INVESTMENT MGMT. CO.

48-1106973

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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)

WELLS FARGO BANK, N. A.

94-1347393

(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?
15 21 37 38 49 50	TRUSTEE BANK	16632	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LP

200 WEST STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10282

(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?
19 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

MASSACHUSETTS FINANCIAL SERVICES CO

04-2747644

(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?
19 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	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)

GW&K INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

222 BERKELEY STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

(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?
19 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

ATLANTA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CO. LLC

1705 PEACHTREE ST. NE
SUITE 2100
ATLANTA, GA 30309

(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?
19 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

655 9TH STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50392-2080

(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?
19 52	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	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.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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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:	DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP	b EIN:	13-3891517
c Position:	AUDITOR		
d Address:	HUB TOWER 699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 1800 DES MOINES, IA 50309-3903	e Telephone:	515-288-1200

Explanation: ABLE TO COMBINE REQUIRED CORPORATE AND PLAN SERVICES UNDER ONE ACCOUNTING FIRM.

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2016</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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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 <u>THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>030</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COOPERATIVE FARMERS ELEVATOR</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0244070</u>	

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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WELLS FARGO STABLE VALUE GENERAL FD</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>46-6836772-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3965711</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SSGA S&P 500 INDEX FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-306</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2618234</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SSGA U.S. BOND INDEX FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-178</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>30560</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SSGA RUSSELL SMALL/MID-CAP INDEX FD</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-167</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>625713</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SSGA GLOBAL EQUITY FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-242</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>172734</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WADDELL & REED CORE EQUITY FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>SEI TRUST COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>45-3036258-050</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3055458</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GW&K SMALL/MID CAP CORE EQUITY FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GW&K INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>37-6558781-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4155066</u>

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
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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**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Internal Revenue Service</small> <hr/> <small>Department of Labor</small> <small>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <hr/> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 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 COOPERATIVE FARMERS ELEVATOR	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-0244070	

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)		
(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)	291919	335176
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	10047052	14623476
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(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)	8330553	9870722
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	3668759	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(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	22338283	24829374

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 through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	22338283	24829374
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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)	437328	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1122389	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	286474	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1846191
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)	13272	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		13272
(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)	193124	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		193124
(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)		907769
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(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)		363143
c Other income.....	2c		275565
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		3599064

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1293960	
(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)		1293960
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)	2345	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	16632	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		18977
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1312937

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2286127
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		250409
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		45445

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: MERIWETHER, WILSON AND CO., PLLC

(2) EIN: 42-0731256

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:

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.).....

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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
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		1000000
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)
THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES	42-0241700	030

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.
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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 <u>THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>030</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>COOPERATIVE FARMERS ELEVATOR</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0244070</u>

Part I	Distributions
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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	<u>0</u>
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): <u>41-6257133</u>		
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 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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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
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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
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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.
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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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2016
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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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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
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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
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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 / / .	

The Restated Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan for Cooperatives

Administered by Associated Benefits Corporation
(Participating Employer – Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302)
Employer Identification Number: 42-0244070
Plan Number: 030

Financial Statements - Modified Cash Basis as of
December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the Years Then
Ended, Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2016
and Independent Auditors' Report

THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES
Administered by Associated Benefits Corporation
(Participating Employer – Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Associated Benefits Corporation
Plan Administrator for The Restated Thrift/Profit
Sharing Plan for Cooperatives and Participants
(Participating Employer – Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302)

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements – modified cash basis of The Restated Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan for Cooperatives (Participating Employer – Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302) (the Plan), which comprise the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis as of December 31, 2016, and the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements – modified cash basis.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Plan management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements. This includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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

Our 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, we were 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 Security Act of 1974, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 8, which was certified by Wells Fargo Bank, n.a., the trustee of The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives, of which the Plan is a participant, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and the supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

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

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

The financial statements of The Restated Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan for Cooperatives (Participating Employer – Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, were audited by other auditors whose report dated September 1, 2016, disclaimed an opinion on those financial statements.

The supplemental schedule of assets held at the end of the year as of December 31, 2016 is required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) 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, we do not express an opinion on this 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 – modified cash basis and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our 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.


MERIWETHER, WILSON AND COMPANY, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

October 9, 2017
West Des Moines, Iowa

THE RESTATED THRIFT/PROFIT SHARING PLAN FOR COOPERATIVES
Administered by Associated Benefits Corporation
(Participating Employer – Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302)

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis

December 31,

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets		
Participant-Directed Investments		
Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives - At Fair Value as Determined by Quoted Market Price	\$ 9,870,722	8,330,553
Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives - At Estimated Fair Value	10,657,765	9,842,763
Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives - At Contract Value	<u>3,965,711</u>	<u>3,873,048</u>
Participant-Directed Investments	24,494,198	22,046,364
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>335,176</u>	<u>291,919</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 24,829,374</u></u>	<u><u>22,338,283</u></u>

See notes to financial statements - modified cash basis.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis

For the Years Ended December 31,

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Additions		
Investment Income from The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives	\$ 1,739,554	353,305
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	13,272	8,390
Contributions		
Employers	437,328	395,008
Participants	1,122,389	719,048
Net Rollover Assets Transferred	491,438	--
Transfer of Assets Due to Merger	--	11,884,831
Other Income	47	--
Total Additions	<u>3,804,028</u>	<u>13,360,582</u>
Deductions		
Benefits Paid to Participants	1,293,960	755,688
Administrative Expenses	18,977	11,084
Net Rollover Assets Transferred	--	5,490
Total Deductions	<u>1,312,937</u>	<u>772,262</u>
Net Change	2,491,091	12,588,320
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of Year	<u>22,338,283</u>	<u>9,749,963</u>
End of Year	<u><u>\$ 24,829,374</u></u>	<u><u>22,338,283</u></u>

See notes to financial statements - modified cash basis.

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Notes to Financial Statements – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2016 and 2015

1. Description of the Plan

The Restated Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan for Cooperatives ("Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan") is a prototype defined contribution plan administered by Associated Benefits Corporation ("Plan Administrator"). The participating employer, Cooperative Farmers Elevator, Group 302, has adopted the Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan with 401(k) provisions ("Plan"). The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution plan available to all full-time employees of the participating employer who have attained age 21 and complete four months of service. Wells Fargo Bank, n.a. ("Trustee") serves as the trustee of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions – Each year, participants may contribute up to 80 percent of their compensation on a pre-tax basis, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. In addition, after-tax contributions to the Plan are permitted up to the limits allowed by law. The participating employer contributes 50 percent of the first 6 percent of base compensation that a participant contributes to the plan.

Participant Accounts – Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's and employer's contributions and an allocation of the Plan's earnings (losses) and charged with withdrawals and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investments – Participants direct the investment of their contributions and employer contributions into any combination of the investment alternatives offered by the Plan in multiples of one percent. Plan participants may transfer funds from one investment fund to another. Transfers are effective the day made or the next business day.

Vesting – Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and actual earnings (losses) thereon. Participants are vested in employer contributions and actual earnings (losses) thereon at the rate of 20% after completion of two years of service and 20% for each year of service thereafter. Participants become fully vested after six years of service. Forfeitures of non-vested benefits are used to reduce the future employer contributions. During 2016, \$2,853 of forfeitures were used to reduce employer contributions (\$8,981 in 2015).

Notes Receivable from Participants – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts, subject to balance limitations. The repayment period for the loans is not to exceed five years, or fifteen years if the loan is for the purchase of the participant's principal residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate charged on the loans is one percentage point above the prime rate. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. As of December 31, 2016, notes receivable have maturities through 2021 at an interest rate of 4.25-4.50%.

Payment of Benefits – On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum payment equal to the value of his or her vested account, or installment payments over various periods as elected by the participant.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Under the modified cash basis of accounting, transactions are recorded in the financial statements on the cash receipts and disbursement basis; however, investments are adjusted to fair value. Accordingly, these statements are not intended to present the Plan's financial position or changes to financial position in conformity with GAAP. The principal differences in the Plan's statement relate to investment income and contributions, which are not recorded until received on the financial statements.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP, requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties – The Plan through its investment in the Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives ("Trust") utilizes various investment securities, including U.S. government securities, corporate debt instruments, mutual funds, and common collective trust funds. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – Investments in common stock and mutual funds are stated at fair value. Fair value of a financial instrument is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Investments in common collective trusts are measured at estimated fair value. Investments in the general fund are at contract value as a practical expedient for fair value. See Note 3 for a description of valuation methods. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividend and interest income are recorded as received. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expense are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants – Notes receivable from participants are valued at unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

Administrative Expenses – Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan Sponsor for active eligible employees. Former employees will have administrative fees withdrawn from their account.

Payment of Benefits – Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, net assets available for benefits included no benefits due to participants who had withdrawn from participation in the Plan but have not yet been paid.

3. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, as follows: Level 1, which refers to securities valued using unadjusted quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Plan's policy is to recognize significant transfers between levels at the actual date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no significant transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2, or 3.

Asset Valuation Techniques – Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Shares of mutual funds held are primarily categorized as Level 1; they are valued at quoted market prices that represent the net asset value of shares held at plan year end.

U.S. common stocks are categorized as Level 1 if the securities trade on national or international exchanges and are valued at their last reported closing price.

Certain funds are valued at the net asset value of units of the underlying fund. The net asset value (NAV) as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchased and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. As the practical expedient is utilized, these funds are not included in the fair value leveling table, but are included as a reconciling line item to the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Trust's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2016, Using			
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 259,768,386	--	--	\$ 259,768,386
Common Stock	27,164	--	--	27,164
	<u>\$ 259,795,550</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>259,795,550</u>
Funds Valued at NAV				421,962,177
Total				<u>\$ 681,757,727</u>

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2015, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 238,222,981	--	--	\$ 238,222,981
Common Stock	21,241	--	--	21,241
	<u>\$ 238,244,222</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>238,244,222</u>
Funds Valued at NAV				414,254,488
Total				<u>\$ 652,498,710</u>

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2016, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 9,870,722	--	--	\$ 9,870,722
Common Stock	--	--	--	--
	<u>\$ 9,870,722</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>9,870,722</u>
Funds Valued at NAV				14,623,476
Total				<u>\$ 24,494,198</u>

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2015, Using				
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 8,330,553	--	--	\$ 8,330,553
Common Stock	--	--	--	--
	<u>\$ 8,330,553</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>8,330,553</u>
Funds Valued at NAV				13,715,811
Total				<u>\$ 22,046,364</u>

The valuation methods as described above may produce a fair value calculation 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.

Transfers Between Levels – The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

The significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits are evaluated. There were no transfers between levels for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share – The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

The significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits are evaluated. There were no transfers between levels for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share December 31, 2016						
Investment	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period	
Common Collective Trust Funds						
Domestic Stock Funds (a)	\$ 10,454,471	--	Immediate	None	None	
International Stock Funds (b)	172,734	--	Immediate	None	None	
Fixed Income Funds (c)	30,560	--	Immediate	None	None	
General Funds (d)	3,965,711	--	Immediate	None	None	
Total	<u>\$ 14,623,476</u>	<u>--</u>				
Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share December 31, 2015						
Investment	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period	
Common Collective Trust Funds						
Domestic Stock Funds (a)	\$ 9,669,324	--	Immediate	None	None	
International Stock Funds (b)	132,412	--	Immediate	None	None	
Fixed Income Funds (c)	41,027	--	Immediate	None	None	
General Funds (d)	3,873,048	--	Immediate	None	None	
Total	<u>\$ 13,715,811</u>	<u>--</u>				

The fair values of the investments have been estimated using the net asset value of the investment.

- (a) The Domestic Stock Funds seek to provide long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities and to achieve above-average results over a market cycle. The funds employ a “multi-style, multi-manager” approach whereby portions of the domestic stock funds are allocated to different money managers who employ distinct investment styles. The funds use three principal investment styles intended to complement one another:

Growth: Emphasizes investments in equity securities of companies with above-average earnings growth prospects.

Value: Emphasizes investments in equity securities of companies that appear to the money manager to be undervalued relative to their corporate worth, based on earnings, book or asset value, revenues, cash flow or other measures.

Market-Oriented: Emphasizes investments in companies from the broad equity market rather than focusing on the growth or value segments of the market.

- (b) The International Stock Funds provide participation in financial markets outside of the United States. The International Stock Funds invest in international financial markets, primarily those of developed economies in Europe and the Pacific Basin. These funds invest primarily in equity securities issued by foreign corporations, but may invest in other securities perceived as offering attractive investment return opportunities. As with the domestic equity funds, the international equity funds combine Growth, Value, and Market-Oriented Advisers to ensure style diversification.
- (c) The Fixed Income Funds strategies seek to invest at least 80% of their net assets plus any borrowing for investment purposes in a diversified portfolio of bonds, including corporate bonds of domestic and foreign issuers payable in U.S. dollars, short-term debt instruments, mortgage-related securities, and U.S. Treasury securities and other debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government (including its agencies and instrumentalities). Although the strategies seek to invest primarily in investment-grade debt securities (i.e., those rated in the four highest rating categories by S&P or Moody's), they may include investing a portion of their net assets in bonds rated below investment grade.
- (d) The General Fund is a stabilized fixed income portfolio managed by the Trustee. The objective of the General Fund is to produce stable returns that are usually higher than traditional money market investments. The General Fund usually experiences little or no fluctuation in principal value as it is invested predominately in common collective trust funds invested in direct obligations of the U.S. Government and U.S. Government Agencies. The General Fund simulates the performance of a guaranteed investment contract, whereby participants execute Plan transactions at net asset value per share based on contract value, as a practical expedient for measuring fair value. Contract value represents contributions made to the General Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals. The general fund is composed of a portfolio of fixed income securities and investment contract issued by a financial institution, designed to provide a contract value "wrapper" around the fixed income portfolio to guarantee a specific return. Primary variables impacting future returns of the general fund include the current yield, duration, and performance of the underlying assets within the wrap contract. Plan management believes that the occurrence of events that would cause the General Fund to transact at less than contract value is not probable.

4. **Investments and Interest in the Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives**

Wells Fargo Bank, n.a. manages the Trust on behalf of the Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan under the terms of the trust agreement between Wells Fargo Bank, n.a. and the Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan. The Plan is a participant in the Trust. The authority to invest is vested in the Trustee, subject to the funding policy and investment objectives established by the Plan Administrator. The investments and changes therein of the Trust have been reported to the Thrift/Profit Sharing Plan by the Trustee. Since the Plan's funds are commingled with funds from other plans participating in the Trust, the investments reported in these financial statements reflect on the Plan's allocable portion of the individual's investments. The Plan participates in the investment activity of the Trust based on a weighted average of invested Plan assets to the total assets of the Trust on a daily basis. Common stock consists of certain investments which have been allowed to be rolled into the Trust without allocation to the Plan's investment options. Participation in these common stocks is based on the specific investments attributable to the Plan of which the participant is a member.

The net assets and investments of the Trust at December 31, 2016 and 2015, are summarized as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis		
Participant-Directed Investments at Fair Value as Determined by Quoted Market Price		
Mutual Funds	\$ 259,768,386	238,222,981
Common Stock	27,164	21,241
	<u>259,795,550</u>	<u>238,244,222</u>
Participant-Directed Investments at Estimated Fair Value		
Commingled Domestic Equity Fund	248,194,061	243,275,244
General Fund	173,768,116	170,979,244
	<u>421,962,177</u>	<u>414,254,488</u>
Total Investment at Fair Value	681,757,727	652,498,710
Notes Receivable from Participants	15,845,622	15,689,624
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 697,603,349</u>	<u>668,188,334</u>
Plan's Allocable Portion of The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives	<u>\$ 24,829,374</u>	<u>22,338,283</u>

The net investment earnings of the Trust for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, are summarized below:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Statements of Changes Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis		
Beginning of Year	<u>\$ 668,188,334</u>	<u>671,972,910</u>
Additions		
Investment Income		
Interest and Dividend Income	5,117,250	2,892,980
Net Appreciation	37,865,636	5,327,460
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	667,405	673,577
Total Investment Income	43,650,291	8,894,017
Contributions	48,438,805	47,754,591
Total Additions	92,089,096	56,648,608
Deductions		
Amounts Paid for Benefits of Plans	44,931,909	46,645,695
Administrative Expenses	751,622	718,381
Net Rollover Assets Transferred Out	16,990,550	13,069,108
Total Deductions	62,674,081	60,433,184
Net Change	29,415,015	(3,784,576)
End of Year	<u>\$ 697,603,349</u>	<u>668,188,334</u>
Plan's Allocable Portion of The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives	<u>\$ 1,739,554</u>	<u>353,305</u>

5. Exempt Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Wells Fargo Bank, n.a. Wells Fargo Bank, n.a. is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for the investment management services are included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the participating employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

7. Federal Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Plan Administrator by a letter dated June 8, 2017, that the Plan and related Trust were designed in accordance with applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan and related Trust continue to be tax exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

8. Information Certified by the Trustee

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the years then ended, included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, that was prepared by or derived from information prepared by Wells Fargo Bank, n.a., the trustee of the Plan, and furnished to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee that such information is complete and accurate.

	2016	2015
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis		
Participant-Directed Investments at Fair Value as Determined by Quoted Market Price	\$ 9,870,722	8,330,553
Participant-Directed Investments at Estimated Fair Value	10,657,765	9,842,763
Participant-Directed Investments at Contract Value	3,965,711	3,873,048

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, investment income, as certified by the Trustee, includes interest and dividend income and net appreciation (depreciation) on investments. Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year. Investment income is as follows:

	2016	2015
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits - Modified Cash Basis		
Investment Income of The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives	\$ 1,739,554	353,305

Supplemental schedule: All investment balances and information included in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

Notes 3 and 4: All investment balances and investment information in the notes, except for the classification of investments into levels within the fair value hierarchy.

9. **Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions occurring after December 31, 2016 for potential items required to be recognized or disclosed in the financial statements. Subsequent events were evaluated through October 9, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

10. **Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

A reconciliation of the net change in net assets per the financial statements to the net income per the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, are as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Net Change in Net Assets Per the Financial Statements - Modified Cash Basis	\$ 2,491,091	12,588,320
Adjustment from Contract Value to Fair Value for Fully Benefit Responsive Investment Contracts	<u>--</u>	<u>(21,116)</u>
Net Income Per Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,491,091</u>	<u>12,567,204</u>

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Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, 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, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity	(e) Current Value
*	Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	General Fund, Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives	\$ 3,965,711
	Goldman Sachs Bond Institutional Fund	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	651,651
	Principal Diversified Real Asset Fund	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	21,235
	SSgA S&P 500 Index	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	2,618,234
	SSgA Russell Small Mid-Cap	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	625,713
	SSgA Global Equity	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	172,734
	SSgA U.S. Bond Index Fund	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	30,560
	Waddell & Reed Core Equity Fund	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	3,055,458
	MFS International Equity Fund	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	1,178,954

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity	(e) Current Value
	GW&K Small Mid-Cap Core Equity Fund	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	4,155,066
	Vanguard Target Retirement	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	87,614
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2010	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	19,226
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2015	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	717,758
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	1,188,645
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	1,082,267
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	991,889
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	1,202,572
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	1,161,580

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity	(e) Current Value
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	581,911
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	634,216
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	288,281
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	Investment in The Thrift and Profit Sharing Trust for Cooperatives Maintained at Wells Fargo Bank, n.a.	62,923
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Maturing 2017-2021 at Interest Rate of 4.25-4.50%	335,176
			<u>\$ 24,829,374</u>

*Known to be a party-in-interest.

Note: column (d) is not applicable for participant directed investments and therefore has been omitted.

SEE ACCOMPANYING INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Name or Source of Eligible Indirect Compensation	Fund	Description of Services	Annual Exp Net % / Per \$1,000	Per Participant
Massachusetts Financial Services Co.	MFS Inst Intl Equity Fund	Investment Management of the Fund	0.7100%/ \$7.10	
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.	Goldman Sachs Bond Fund Institutional	Investment Management of the Fund	0.4500%/ \$4.50	
Principal Management Corporation	Principal Diversified Real Asset Fund Institutional	Investment Management of the Fund	0.8900%/ \$8.90	
Atlanta Capital Management Co., LLC	US Small-Mid Cap Core Equity Fund	Investment Management of the Fund	0.7466%/ \$7.47	
Gannett Welsh & Kotler Investment Management	GW&K Small/Mid Cap Core Collective Inv.	Investment Management of the Fund	0.6500%/ \$6.50	

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