# 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

**2022**

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## Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

**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)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

## Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

**1a** Name of plan
ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

**1b** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**1c** Effective date of plan 01/01/1997

**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)
ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE

237 NORTH FIRST STREET
ASHLAND, OR 97520

**2b** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
93-0634581

**2c** Plan Sponsor's telephone number
541-552-5440

**2d** Business code (see instructions)
445110

**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.

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|---|---|---|---|
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/12/2023 | MEL GEDDE |
| | **Signature of plan administrator** | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| **SIGN HERE** | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/12/2023 | MEL GEDDE |
| | **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 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **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 or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br>**a** Sponsor's name<br>**c** Plan Name | **4b** EIN<br>**4d** PN | |
| **5** Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | **5** | 176 |
| **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)** | 125 |
| **a(2)** Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | **6a(2)** | 111 |
| **b** Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | **6b** | 4 |
| **c** Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | **6c** | 32 |
| **d** Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c** | **6d** | 147 |
| **e** Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | **6e** | 1 |
| **f** Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e** | **6f** | 148 |
| **g** Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | **6g** | 135 |
| **h** Number of participants who 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:

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

**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)** | [ ] Insurance | **(1)** | [ ] 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)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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) | Service Provider Information | OMB No. 1210-0110 |
|---|---|---|
| Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br>▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.** | **2022**<br>**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.** |

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

**A** Name of plan
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**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
93-0634581

## 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

CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

42-1558009

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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)

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84-2942542

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 27 | NONE | 30440 | Yes [ ] No [X] | Yes [ ] No [ ] | | Yes [ ] No [ ] |

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

SPECTRUM PENSION CONSULTANTS, INC.

91-1035498

| (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? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 15 16 17 37 38 12 64 | NONE | 7294 | Yes [ ] No [X] | 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 |
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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. | |
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| **(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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| | | |
| **(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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| **(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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## 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)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

# SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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).

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## 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 | 260 | 3 |
| **b** Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| **(1)** Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 3242 | 1359 |
| **(2)** Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 324 | |
| **(3)** Other | 1b(3) | 0 | 0 |
| **c** General investments: | | | |
| **(1)** Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 70775 | 44703 |
| **(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) | 174843 | 201717 |
| **(9)** Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| **(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) | 7251615 | 5629094 |
| **(14)** Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| **(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 | 7501059 | 5876876 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| **g** Benefit claims payable | 1g | 239 | |
| **h** Operating payables | 1h | 18 | |
| **i** Acquisition indebtedness | 1i | | |
| **j** Other liabilities | 1j | 3 | 3 |
| **k** Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j) | 1k | 260 | 3 |
| **Net Assets** | | | |
| **l** Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) | 1l | 7500799 | 5876873 |

## 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) | 183045 | |
| **(B)** Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 324040 | |
| **(C)** Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 2403 | |
| **(2)** Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| **(3)** Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)** | 2a(3) | | 509488 |
| **b Earnings on investments:** | | | |
| **(1)** Interest: | | | |
| **(A)** Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) | 2b(1)(A) | 405 | |
| **(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) | 8897 | |
| **(F)** Other | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| **(G)** Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)** | 2b(1)(G) | | 9302 |
| **(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) | 183805 | |
| **(D)** Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)** | 2b(2)(D) | | 183805 |
| **(3)** Rents | 2b(3) | | |
| **(4)** Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds | 2b(4)(A) | 1845260 | |
| **(B)** Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) | 2b(4)(B) | 1833862 | |
| **(C)** Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result | 2b(4)(C) | | 11398 |
| **(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) | | |
| (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) | | -1257305 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 341 |
| d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | -542971 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 1043221 | |
| (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) | | 1043221 |
| 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) | 7294 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | 30440 | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)** | 2i(5) | | 37734 |
| j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 1080955 |
| **Net Income and Reconciliation** | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d** | 2k | | -1623926 |
| 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)** [X] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

**(1)** [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

**(1)** Name: WEGNER CPAS, LLP **(2)** EIN: 39-0974031

**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 | |

| | | Yes | No | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **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 | |
| **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 | | 500000 |
| **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 | | | |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

**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) |
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**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

# 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

**2022**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

**A** Name of plan
ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
93-0634581

## 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**

**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): 42-1558009 _____

**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.)

**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 (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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 deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **a** The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) | **14a** | |
| **b** The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) | **14b** | |
| **c** The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) | **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):

**20** **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation_____

# ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

December 31, 2022 and 2021

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Wegner CPAs

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees and Plan Administrator
Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust
Ashland, Oregon

***Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit***

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 8 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

The supplemental Schedule H, line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Wegner CPAs LLP

Wegner CPAs, LLP
Madison, Wisconsin
September 27, 2023

**ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2022 and 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| Investments at fair value | $ 5,673,797 | $ 7,322,176 |
| Cash | 3 | 474 |
| Receivables | | |
| Employer contributions | 1,359 | 3,242 |
| Employee contributions | - | 324 |
| Notes receivable from participants | 201,717 | 174,843 |
| Total receivables | 203,076 | 178,409 |
| Total assets | 5,876,876 | 7,501,059 |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| Other liabilities | 3 | 260 |
| **Net assets available for benefits** | $ 5,876,873 | $ 7,500,799 |

See accompanying notes.

**ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Year Ended December 31, 2022

| | |
|---|---|
| **ADDITIONS** | |
| Additions to net assets attributed to | |
| Investment income (loss) | |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments | $ (1,245,907) |
| Interest and dividends | 184,210 |
| Total investment loss | (1,061,697) |
| Interest on notes receivable from participants | 8,897 |
| Contributions | |
| Employer | 183,045 |
| Participants | 324,040 |
| Other contributions | 2,403 |
| Total contributions | 509,488 |
| Other income | 341 |
| Total additions | (542,971) |
| **DEDUCTIONS** | |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 1,043,221 |
| Administrative expenses | 37,734 |
| Total deductions | 1,080,955 |
| **Net change in net assets available for benefits** | (1,623,926) |
| Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year | 7,500,799 |
| **Net assets available for benefits at end of year** | $ 5,876,873 |

See accompanying notes.

## NOTE 1—DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Ashland Food Cooperative 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

*General*. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering certain employees of Ashland Food Cooperative (Company) who have one year of service and are age eighteen or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The 401(k) Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The 401(k) Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance and reports to the Board of Directors.

*Contributions*. Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also elect to be taxed currently on part or all of their contributions made to the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds and a money market fund as investment options for participants. The Company contributes a safe harbor match of 100% of the first 3% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan plus 50% of the amount in excess of 3% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan up to maximum of 5%. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's board of directors. There were no profit sharing contributions for 2022 and 2021. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

*Participant Accounts*. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution, (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

*Vesting*. Participants are fully and immediately vested in their participant accounts at all times.

*Notes Receivable from Participants*. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Loans are required to bear a reasonable interest rate, determined at the time the loan is made. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

*Payment of Benefits*. On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, periodic installments over a period of years specified by the participant, or any other form of payment permitted under the Plan. In-service distributions are allowed for individuals over the age of 59 ½ and hardship distributions are allowed as well.

NOTE 2—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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**

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price 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. The Plan's 401(k) Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net depreciation includes the plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the plan document.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants or beneficiaries are recorded when paid. There were no requested distributions that were not paid out by December 31, 2022.

**Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable and distributions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment management fees are also included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net depreciation of fair value of investments.

**Date of Management's Review**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 27, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3—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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the custodian. Although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to measure the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value at the reporting date.

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 are unobservable and 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 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would only be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available. There are no plan assets requiring the use of Level 3 inputs for the periods presented.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

The fair values of money market and mutual funds are valued at net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan’s investments at fair value at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

| | Fair Value | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022 Using: Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) |
|---|---|---|
| Money market funds | $ 44,703 | $ 44,703 |
| Mutual funds | 5,629,094 | 5,629,094 |
| Total investments at fair value | $ 5,673,797 | $ 5,673,797 |

NOTE 3—FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

| | Fair Value | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2021 Using: Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) |
|---|---|---|
| Money market funds | $ 70,775 | $ 70,775 |
| Mutual funds | 7,251,401 | 7,251,401 |
| Total investments at fair value | $ 7,322,176 | $ 7,322,176 |

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, are reported in net depreciation in fair value of investments

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 and into and out of Level 3 at the end of the reporting period. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3.

NOTE 4—PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by The Charles Schwab Trust Company. The Charles Schwab Trust Company is the trustee for the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions are not, however, considered prohibited transactions under 29 CFR 408(b) of the ERISA regulations.

NOTE 5—TAX STATUS

The Organization has adopted a non-standardized plan pre-approved by the Internal Revenue Service("IRS"). The IRS issued an advisory letter dated June 30, 2020, that the non-standardized plan is acceptable with the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the advisory letter, the Organization and the Plan administrator believe 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 6—TERMINATION OF PLAN

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.

NOTE 7—RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan's investments are exposed to various risks of loss, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 8—CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net depreciation in fair value of investments, and interest and dividends, for the year ended December 31, 2022, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by The Charles Schwab Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan).

Non section 103a3c procedures were performed on notes receivable from participants.

**ASHLAND FOOD COOPERATIVE 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST**
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i—SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2022

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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 value | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mutual Funds | | | |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | International Sustain Core 1 | ** | $ 153,312 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Real-Estate Securities | ** | 200,300 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Short-Term Government Portfolio Instl. | ** | 91,912 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | US Core Equity 2 | ** | 1,116,968 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | US Sustain Core 1 | ** | 458,776 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | Global Core Plus Fixed Income | ** | 409,296 |
| | Dimensional Fund Advisors | US High Relative Profitability | ** | 320,370 |
| | Vanguard | Developed Markets | ** | 288,818 |
| | Vanguard | Total Bond Market Index | ** | 409,662 |
| | Vanguard | Total Stock Market Index | ** | 915,823 |
| | Avantis | Emerging Markets Equity Instl | ** | 238,669 |
| | Avantis | International Equity Instl | ** | 494,733 |
| | Avantis | Short Term Fixed Income Instl | ** | 91,472 |
| | Avantis | US Small Cap Value Instl | ** | 438,983 |
| | Total mutual funds | | | 5,629,094 |
| | Money Market Funds | | | |
| * | Schwab | Bank Savings | ** | 44,703 |
| * | Notes receivable from participants, interest rates at 5.25% to 9.00% with maturities through 2035 | | -0- | 201,717 |
| | Total assets held | | | $ 5,875,514 |

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