Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide 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
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1987

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

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

18900 PORTOLA DRIVE
SUITE 100
SALINAS, CA 93908

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 77-0545932

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

2d Business code (see instructions) 111210

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/26/2024	DANIELLE MCSHANE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/26/2024	DANIELLE MCSHANE
	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:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	204
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)**	164
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	219
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	33
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	252
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	252
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	123
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	117
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:

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

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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2023

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

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

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

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	**(g)** To
01-0233346	65838	11556	118	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	**(b)** Total amount of fees paid
4988	

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

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

QUINTES ADMINISTRATIVE AND INS SVCS
1188 PADRE DRIVE
SUITE 200
SALINAS, CA 93901

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	
4988			3

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

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

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	13948940

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

Specify nature of costs ▶

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

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

01-0233346

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

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

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

GLOBAL RETIREMENT PARTNERS LLC

47-1411118

(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	BROKER	0	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [X] No [ ]	8633	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

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

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2065 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	111104		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2060 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	80473		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2055 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	90817		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2050 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	838754		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2045 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	793072		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2040 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1245305		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN FUNDS 2035 TD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code	P
e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	120143		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2030 TD

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 814310

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2025 TD

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1895873

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2015 TD

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 317531

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS 2010 TD

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 62349

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMNGR AGGRES LS

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 65123

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMNGR MODER LS

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17747

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMNGR CONSERV LS

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 438036

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 353436

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 263347

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 155966

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	185891
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JOHN HANCOCK MID CAP GRW		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	188367
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JPMORGAN MIDCAP VALUE FD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	10779
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	MID CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	75334
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	MID VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	100904
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	REAL EST. SECURITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	43938
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	437768
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	SMALL CAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	37142
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	310773
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	T. ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	419845

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE SML CAP VAL			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	23858
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD ENERGY FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	207472
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD EXPLORER FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	39935
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	94644
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMER FUNDS EUROPAC GROWTH			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	141165
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	95919
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	734847
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN MUTUAL BEACON FD			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	681662
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL ALLCAP CORE FD			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	597748
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	53458

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 418354

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 275883

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH DISCIPLINE VALUE INTL FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3295

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FD

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 83599

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF AMERICAN BALANCED FD

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 37748

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32423

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 126107

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

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

c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 826702

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

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

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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).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1948	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	11498835	13948940
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(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	11500783	13948940
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	11500783	13948940

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)	322556	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	490425	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		812981
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		
	(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)		
	(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)		

		(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)**		2172149
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	**2b(8)**		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	**2b(9)**		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	**2b(10)**		
c Other income	**2c**		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	**2d**		2985130
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	**2e(1)**	505281	
(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)**		505281
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	**2f**		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	**2g**		
h Interest expense	**2h**		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	**2i(1)**		
(2) Contract administrator fees	**2i(2)**	23059	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	**2i(3)**		
(4) IQPA audit fees	**2i(4)**		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	**2i(5)**	8633	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	**2i(6)**		
(7) Actuarial fees	**2i(7)**		
(8) Legal fees	**2i(8)**		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	**2i(9)**		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	**2i(10)**		
(11) Other expenses	**2i(11)**		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	**2i(12)**		31692
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	**2j**		536973
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	**2k**		2448157
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)** [ ] 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: JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES CPA'S, INC. **(2)** EIN: 45-3994255

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		550000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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)

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

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 01-0233346

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

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

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 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 _____

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(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

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(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) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees
Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan
Salinas, California

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's 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 audit 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 and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit 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 financial statements referred to above, 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.

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- the information in the financial statements referred to above 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 audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 these 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 Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan'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 Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit 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.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules 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).

Johnson & Matos CPAs, Inc.

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September 24, 2024
Modesto, California

MERRILL FARMS, LLC
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ASSETS

	2023	2022
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		
Mutual Funds	$ 13,948,940	$ 11,498,835
RECEIVABLES		
Employer Contributions Receivable	-	1,948
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 13,948,940	$ 11,500,783

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ADDITIONS		
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Investment Income:		
Net Change in Fair Value of Investments	$ 2,172,149	$ (2,458,124)
Contributions:		
Participants	490,425	442,639
Employer	322,556	297,318
Total Contributions	812,981	739,957
TOTAL ADDITIONS	2,985,130	(1,718,167)
DEDUCTIONS		
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits Paid to Participants	505,281	367,838
Administration Expense	31,692	29,552
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	536,973	397,390
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	2,448,157	(2,115,557)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,500,783	13,616,340
END OF YEAR	$ 13,948,940	$ 11,500,783

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

MERRILL FARMS, LLC
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. A more complete description of the Plan's provisions can be found in the plan agreement.

General – The Plan was adopted on April 1, 1987 and amended effective January 1, 2020 by Merrill Farms, LLC.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of the Company on the date of hire subject to enrollment dates. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions – The Company's annual contributions to the Plan will equal the total amount of employee deferral contributions and employer matching contributions. Employee deferral contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) are amounts which the Company must contribute pursuant to a salary reduction agreement. The Company must contribute the amount by which participants have reduced their compensation for the plan year, subject to a statutory dollar limitation of $22,500 and $20,500 for 2023 and 2022, respectively. An additional salary deferral may be made for the calendar year by any participant that is age 50 or over during the calendar year. The Company will make employer-matching contributions up to 5% of an eligible participant's gross wages for the plan year. For the plan year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the employer matching contributions were $322,556 and $297,318, respectively.

Funding – Employee salary deferrals are funded by the Company concurrently with the processing of payroll each period. The monthly Employer matching contribution is funded on or before the due date, including extensions, of the plan Sponsor's income tax return.

Participant Accounts – Each participant's account is credited with actual employee deferral contributions and employer matching contributions. Contributions are allocated based on the ratio of each participant's compensation for the Plan year to the compensation of all participants for the Plan year. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting – Participants are 100% vested in their employee deferral contributions. With respect to employer matching contributions, participants are immediately 100% vested.

Investing Options – Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions and employer matching contributions in any of the investment funds John Hancock Life Insurance Company USA offers. Participants may change their investment options daily through a toll-free number with John Hancock or via the internet on the John Hancock website.

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Participant Notes Receivable – The plan does not currently allow loan options from participant accounts.

Payment of Benefits – Upon termination of service including death, disability or retirement, a participant will be eligible to request a distribution immediately following the participant's separation from service. Normal retirement age is defined as 65. The benefit obligations that were paid to participants were $505,281 and $367,838 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Forfeitures – Employees are 100% vested in the Plan upon enrollment therefore, no forfeitures are anticipated and accordingly, there were no forfeitures for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Plan Amendments – Effective January 1, 2015, the Plan's provisions were amended and restated to conform to new tax laws.

The Plan was amended effective for plan years beginning January 1, 2020 to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations regarding hardship distributions from the provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. Hardship distributions must satisfy the deemed immediate and heavy financial need standards.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the Merrill Farms, LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements is as follows:

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Allowance for doubtful accounts is assumed to be zero based on historical collections.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Mutual funds are stated at their quoted market price on a daily basis.

The net aggregate change in net assets available for plan benefits are presented as net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments.

Payments of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

The John Hancock assessed administrative expenses incurred in connection with the Plan are paid by the Plan through an allocation to participant accounts. Substantially all other administrative fees, including recordkeeping, auditing, etc. are paid by the Company directly and not allocated to participant accounts.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Generally accepted accounting principles provide the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the plan has the ability to access.
Level 2	Inputs to the valuation methodology include: • Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; • Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; • Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; • Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. 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 measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Common stocks, corporate bonds and U.S. government securities: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the plan at the year end.

The preceding methods described 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.

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value as of:			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2023				
Mutual Funds	$ 13,948,940	$ -	$ -	$ 13,948,940
December 31, 2022				
Mutual Funds	$ 11,498,835	$ -	$ -	$ 11,498,835

NOTE 4 PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest include fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer or employee organization or relatives of such persons. As of December 31 2023 and 2022, Plan investments included units held in an annuity contract with John Hancock Life Insurance Company. In addition, the Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activities to various service providers. Transactions with these entities qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 5 INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan entered into an allocated retirement account group annuity contract with The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company (John Hancock). John Hancock maintains the contributions from the employees and employer match in the investment options directed by each participant. The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for plan withdrawals and administrative expenses charged by Manulife. The contract is included in the financial statements at fair value as reported to the Plan by John Hancock. Fair value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less plan withdrawals and administrative expenses.

NOTE 6 TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the plan sponsor by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

The tax years 2020 to current remain subject to examination by taxing authorities.

NOTE 7 PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts. After payment of expenses properly chargeable against the Plan, the trustee shall distribute all Plan assets to the participants in the proportions determined by their respective accounts.

NOTE 8 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Plan participants invest in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits. The maximum amount of loss due to credit risk in the event of a complete institutional failure at December 31, 2023 is $13,948,940.

NOTE 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 24, 2024, the date through which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 10 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 and 2022 to Form 5500:

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 13,948,940	$ 11,500,783
Reconciling items	-	-
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	$ 13,948,940	$ 11,500,783

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 to Form 5500:

	2023	2022
Distributions per the financial statements	$ 505,281	$ 367,838
Reconciling items	-	-
Distributions per Form 5500	$ 505,281	$ 367,838

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

MERRILL FARMS, LLC
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
FEIN 77-0545932, PLAN 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i)

[a]	[b]	[c]	[d]	[e]
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, User or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value
	500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	$ 58,439	$ 94,644
	American Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	26,907	37,748
	American Century Heritage	Mutual Fund	230,814	353,436
	American Funds 2010 TD	Mutual Fund	51,318	62,349
	American Funds 2015 TD	Mutual Fund	268,949	317,531
	American Funds 2025 TD	Mutual Fund	1,499,359	1,895,873
	American Funds 2030 TD	Mutual Fund	621,091	814,310
	American Funds 2035 TD	Mutual Fund	86,626	120,143
	American Funds 2040 TD	Mutual Fund	912,807	1,245,305
	American Funds 2045 TD	Mutual Fund	566,127	793,072
	American Funds 2050 TD	Mutual Fund	635,067	838,754
	American Funds 2055 TD	Mutual Fund	73,520	90,817
	American Funds 2060 TD	Mutual Fund	70,591	80,473
	American Funds 2065 TD	Mutual Fund	100,032	111,104
	Blue Chip Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	459,100	734,847
	Europacific Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	116,675	141,165
	Financial Industries Fund	Mutual Fund	202,338	263,347
	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund	Mutual Fund	517,811	681,662
	Franklin Utilities Fund	Mutual Fund	24,419	32,423
	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund	Mutual Fund	318,009	597,746
	Intl Equity Index Fund	Mutual Fund	47,268	53,458
	Invesco Developing Markets	Mutual Fund	177,906	155,966
	Invesco Global Fund	Mutual Fund	299,611	418,354
	Invesco Small Cap Growth	Mutual Fund	170,025	185,891
*	John Hancock Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	117,620	126,107
*	John Hancock Disciplined Value	Mutual Fund	196,368	275,883
*	John Hancock Disciplined Intl Value	Mutual Fund	2,835	3,295
*	John Hancock Mid Cap Growth	Mutual Fund	244,853	188,367
*	John Hancock Multimanager Aggressive LS	Mutual Fund	46,788	65,123
*	John Hancock Multimanager Conserv LS	Mutual Fund	407,942	438,036
*	John Hancock Multimanager Moderate LS	Mutual Fund	15,861	17,745
*	John Hancock Stable Value	Mutual Fund	789,807	826,702
	JP Morgan Midcap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	7,330	10,779
	Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	61,940	75,334
	Mid Value Fund	Mutual Fund	71,262	100,904
	Real Estate Securities Fund	Mutual Fund	37,930	43,938
	Science & Technology Fund	Mutual Fund	229,293	437,768
	Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund	30,564	37,142

See accompanying accountant's report

MERRILL FARMS, LLC
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
FEIN 77-0545932, PLAN 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i)

[a]	[b]	[c]	[d]	[e]
Identity of Issuer, Borrower, User or Similar Party		Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value
T. Rowe Price Health Science		Mutual Fund	220,185	310,773
T. Rowe Price Science & Technology		Mutual Fund	245,362	419,845
T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value		Mutual Fund	18,681	23,858
Total Stock Market Index Fund		Mutual Fund	46,882	83,599
Vanguard Energy Fund		Mutual Fund	176,420	207,472
Vanguard Explorer Fund		Mutual Fund	28,702	39,935
Washington Mutual Investors		Mutual Fund	56,661	95,917
Total Investments			$ 10,588,095	$ 13,948,940

* Party-in-interest

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments but has been presented for informational puposes.

See accompanying accountant's report

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

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 04/01/1987

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

P.O. BOX 659

SALINAS, CA 93902-0659

18900 PORTOLA DRIVE
SUITE 100
SALINAS, CA 93908

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
77-0545932

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

2d Business code (see instructions)
111210

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

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

SIGN HERE	Danielle McShane	9/26/24	DANIELLE MCSHANE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Danielle McShane	9/26/24	DANIELLE MCSHANE
	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:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	204
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)**	164
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	219
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	33
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	252
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	252
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	123
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	117
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:

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

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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_____

Form **5558**
(Rev. January 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Application for Extension of Time To File Certain Employee Plan Returns

Go to *www.irs.gov/Form5558* for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-1610.

File With IRS Only

Part I Identification

A	Name of filer, plan administrator, or plan sponsor (see instructions) MERRILL FARMS, LLC	**B**	**Employer identification number (EIN)** 77-0545932
	Number, street, and room or suite no. (If a P.O. box, see instructions.) P.O. BOX 659		
	City or town, state, and ZIP code SALINAS, CA 93902		
C	Name of plan MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST	**D**	Three-digit plan number (PN) 0 0 1
E	Plan year end date 12 / 31 / 2023		

Part II Extension of Time To File Form 5500 Series, and/or Form 8955-SSA

1 ☐ Check this box if you are requesting an extension of time on line 2 to file the first Form 5500 series return/report for the plan listed in Part I, item C, above.

2 I request an extension of time until 10 / 15 / 2024 to file Form 5500 series. See instructions.

3 I request an extension of time until 10 / 15 / 2024 to file Form 8955-SSA. See instructions.

The application **is automatically approved** to the date shown on line 2 and/or line 3 (above) if (**a**) the Form 5558 is filed on or before the normal due date of Form 5500 series, and/or Form 8955-SSA for which this extension is requested; and (**b**) the date on line 2 and/or line 3 (above) is not later than the 15th day of the 3rd month after the normal due date.

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
MERRILL FARMS, LLC RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
EIN: 77-0545932
PN: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2065 TD	$0.00	$111,104.19
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2060 TD	$0.00	$80,472.78
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2055 TD	$0.00	$90,816.50
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2050 TD	$0.00	$838,754.35
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2045 TD	$0.00	$793,072.25
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2040 TD	$0.00	$1,245,304.51
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2035 TD	$0.00	$120,142.57
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2030 TD	$0.00	$814,309.75
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2025 TD	$0.00	$1,895,872.59
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2015 TD	$0.00	$317,530.77
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds 2010 TD	$0.00	$62,349.46
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Aggressive LS	$0.00	$65,122.59
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Moderate LS	$0.00	$17,746.99
*	John Hancock USA	JH Multimanager Conserv LS	$0.00	$438,036.39
*	John Hancock USA	American Century Heritage	$0.00	$353,435.76
*	John Hancock USA	Financial Industries Fund	$0.00	$263,347.17
*	John Hancock USA	Invesco Developing Markets	$0.00	$155,965.72
*	John Hancock USA	Invesco Small Cap Growth	$0.00	$185,891.17
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Mid Cap Growth	$0.00	$188,366.94
*	John Hancock USA	JPMorgan MidCap Value Fund	$0.00	$10,779.10
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Cap Index Fund	$0.00	$75,333.57
*	John Hancock USA	Mid Value Fund	$0.00	$100,903.73
*	John Hancock USA	Real Est. Securities Fund	$0.00	$43,937.55
*	John Hancock USA	Science & Technology Fund	$0.00	$437,767.88
*	John Hancock USA	Small Cap Value Fund	$0.00	$37,142.15
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Health Sci	$0.00	$310,772.56
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	$0.00	$419,845.27
*	John Hancock USA	T. Rowe Price Sml Cap Val	$0.00	$23,857.95
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Energy Fund	$0.00	$207,471.70
*	John Hancock USA	Vanguard Explorer Fund	$0.00	$39,934.67
*	John Hancock USA	500 Index Fund	$0.00	$94,643.73
*	John Hancock USA	American Funds EuroPac Growth	$0.00	$141,164.72
*	John Hancock USA	Washington Mutual Investors	$0.00	$95,918.63
*	John Hancock USA	Blue Chip Growth Fund	$0.00	$734,846.53
*	John Hancock USA	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund	$0.00	$681,662.25
*	John Hancock USA	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund	$0.00	$597,747.90
*	John Hancock USA	Intl Equity Index Fund	$0.00	$53,457.66
*	John Hancock USA	Invesco Global Fund	$0.00	$418,354.05
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Disciplined Value	$0.00	$275,882.86
*	John Hancock USA	JH Disciplined Value Intl Fund	$0.00	$3,295.13
*	John Hancock USA	Total Stock Market Index Fund	$0.00	$83,599.32
*	John Hancock USA	AF American Balanced Fund	$0.00	$37,748.06
*	John Hancock USA	Franklin Utilities Fund	$0.00	$32,422.79
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Bond Fund	$0.00	$126,106.53
*	John Hancock USA	John Hancock Stable Val	$0.00	$826,701.61

$13,948,940.35