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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2014, or tax year beginning Apr 1, 2014, and ending Mar 31, 2015

Name of foundation Castanea Foundation, Inc.		A Employer identification number 20-2727759
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) P.O. Box 64		B Telephone number (see instructions) (802) 225-1180
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Montpelier VT 05601		C If exemption application is pending, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1 Foreign organizations, check here. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) \$ 9,467,726.	J Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	
		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here. <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. received (attach schedule) . . .		3,000.			
2 Ck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the foundn is not required to attach Sch B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		5,029.	5,029.	5,029.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities		50,089.	50,089.	50,089.	
5a Gross rents		38,618.	38,618.	38,618.	
b Net rental income or (loss)		-34,656.			
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		387,113.	L-6a Stmt		
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		796,074.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			387,113.		
8 Net short-term capital gain				0.	
9 Income modifications				436,659.	
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
K-1 Income from PIs:		89,193.	86,727.	86,727.	
12 Total Add lines 1 through 11.		573,042.	567,576.	617,122.	
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.		111,132.	44,453.	44,453.	66,679.
14 Other employee salaries and wages		37,625.	15,050.	15,050.	22,575.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits.		28,854.	11,542.	11,542.	17,312.
16a Legal fees (attach schedule). L-16a Stmt.		16,066.	12,853.	12,853.	3,213.
b Accounting fees (attach sch). L-16b Stmt.		16,644.	7,373.	7,373.	9,271.
c Other prof fees (attach sch)					
17 Interest					
18 Taxes (attach schedule)(see Instrs) See Line 18 Stmt		20,493.	5,432.	5,432.	8,147.
19 Depreciation (attach sch) and depletion		82,162.	81,807.	81,807.	
20 Occupancy		7,589.	3,036.	3,036.	4,553.
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		14,434.	5,774.	5,774.	8,660.
22 Printing and publications		0.	0.	0.	0.
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) See Line 23 Stmt		101,544.	82,405.	82,405.	18,532.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		436,543.	269,725.	269,725.	158,942.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		165,550.			213,544.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		602,093.	269,725.	269,725.	372,486.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		-29,051.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-).			297,851.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-).				347,397.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions.)		Beginning of year	End of year	
				(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
ASSETS	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing		87,239.	254,403.	254,403.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		4,825,489.	4,913,906.	4,913,906.
	3	Accounts receivable				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts				
	4	Pledges receivable	0.			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0.	2,000,000.	0.	0.
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch)				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts				
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		14,670.	9,374.	9,374.
	10a	Investments — U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b	Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule)				
	c	Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	LIABILITIES	11	Investments — land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
12		Investments — mortgage loans				
13		Investments — other (attach schedule)				
14		Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	11,231.			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	10,416.	1,407.	815.	815.
15		Other assets (describe L-15 Stmt)		2,607,305.	4,289,228.	4,289,228.
16		Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I).		9,536,110.	9,467,726.	9,467,726.
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses		56,597.	51,758.	
18		Grants payable		57,858.	9,864.	
FUNDED ASSETS	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe L-22 Stmt)		0.	13,500.	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		114,455.	75,122.	
		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.	X			
	24	Unrestricted		7,421,655.	9,392,604.	
25	Temporarily restricted		2,000,000.	0.		
26	Permanently restricted					
NET ASSETS		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		9,421,655.	9,392,604.	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		9,536,110.	9,467,726.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year — Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	9,421,655.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-29,051.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	9,392,604.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	9,392,604.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)		(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (month, day, year)	(d) Date sold (month, day, year)
1 a Preferred Stock in Unrelated Agricultural Corporation		P	08/05/13	02/27/15
b Real Property - Rutland Vermont		P	03/31/07	07/09/14
c Real Property - Buskirk New York		P	09/04/09	07/25/14
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 406,074.	0.	109,500.	296,574.
b 285,000.	55,160.	249,056.	91,104.
c 105,000.	0.	105,565.	-565.
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Column (h) gain minus column (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from column (h))
(i) Fair Market Value as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of column (i) over column (j), if any	
a			296,574.
b			91,104.
c			-565.
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss).	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 </div>	2	387,113.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6).			
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 </div>	3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries			
(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (column (b) divided by column (c))
2013	1,010,571.	3,551,778.	0.284525
2012	921,320.	1,827,585.	0.504119
2011	1,983,439.	812,891.	2.439982
2010	2,739,200.	217,210.	12.610837
2009	1,821,019.	112,457.	16.193025
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			32.032488
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			6.406498
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2014 from Part X, line 5.			4,405,066.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			28,221,047.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			2,979.
7 Add lines 5 and 6.			28,224,026.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			2,496,561.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 — see instructions)

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary — see instrs)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	5,957.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, column (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	5,957.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	5,957.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2014 estimated tax pmts and 2013 overpayment credited to 2014	6 a		
b Exempt foreign organizations — tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		9.
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		5,966.
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		0.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax	11	Refunded	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)?		X
If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation . . . \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers . . . \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers . . . \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Part II, column (c), and Part XIV.	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <u>See States Registered In</u>		
b If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If 'No,' attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2014 or the taxable year beginning in 2014 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV	X	
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes', attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address <u>www.castaneafoundation.org</u>				
14	The books are in care of <u>Sandra Pearson, CPA</u> Telephone no <u>(802) 229-9108</u>			
Located at <u>100 State Street #512</u> <u>Montpelier</u> VT ZIP +4 <u>05602</u>				
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <u>15</u>				
16	At any time during calendar year 2014, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, (formerly TD F 90-22.1) If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country <u> </u>				

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1 a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	1 b	X
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	1 c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)).		
a At the end of tax year 2014, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2014? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
If 'Yes,' list the years <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> .		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see instructions)	2 b	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> .		
3 a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2014 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2014)	3 b	
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	4 b	X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5 a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?**5 b**Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐**c** If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6 a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?**6 b**

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

7 a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?**7 b****Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors****1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Thomas Storrow 100 State Street #510 Montpelier VT 05601	Executive Director 40.00	111,132.	18,564.	0.
Megan Camp 100 State Street #510 Montpelier VT 05601	President 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Alec Webb 100 State Street #510 Montpelier VT 05601	Treasurer 1.00	0.	0.	0.
See Information about Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.		0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 — see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
None				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

None

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		None

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 See Attachment	97,943.
2 See Attachment	376,019.
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1 Low interest loan to Vermont non-profit organization to support agricultural sustainability, land conservation and educational activities.	1,500,000.
2 Loan to individuals to support land conservation and artisanal cheese making activities - secured by mortgage on real property and related development rights.	250,000.
All other program-related investments See instructions.	
3 See Line 3 Statement	374,075.
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	2,124,075.

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Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a Average monthly fair market value of securities	1 a	0.
b Average of monthly cash balances	1 b	4,472,148.
c Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c	0.
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d	4,472,148.
e Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e	0.
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	4,472,148.
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	67,082.
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	4,405,066.
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	220,253.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1 Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	
2 a Tax on investment income for 2014 from Part VI, line 5	2 a	
b Income tax for 2014 (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2 b	
c Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c	
3 Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5 Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7 Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1 a	372,486.
b Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	1 b	2,124,075.
2 Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	0.
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3 a	0.
b Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b	0.
4 Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	2,496,561.
5 Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	0.
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	2,496,561.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2013	(c) 2013	(d) 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2014				
a Enter amount for 2013 only				
b Total for prior years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014				
a From 2009				
b From 2010				
c From 2011				
d From 2012				
e From 2013				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2014 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ _____				
a Applied to 2013, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions).				
d Applied to 2014 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2014 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount — see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2013 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2014. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2015				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required — see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2009 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2010				
b Excess from 2011				
c Excess from 2012				
d Excess from 2013				
e Excess from 2014				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2014, enter the date of the ruling. 04/20/05

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☒ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Prior 3 years				(e) Total
	(a) 2014	(b) 2013	(c) 2012	(d) 2011	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	220,253.	56,376.	91,379.	40,645.	408,653.
b 85% of line 2a	187,215.	47,920.	77,672.	34,548.	347,355.
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	2,496,561.	1,010,571.	921,320.	1,983,439.	6,411,891.
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	213,544.	498,160.	224,687.	852,753.	1,789,144.
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	2,283,017.	512,411.	696,633.	1,130,686.	4,622,747.
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a 'Assets' alternative test — enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b 'Endowment' alternative test — enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	146,835.	118,393.	60,919.	27,097.	353,244.
c 'Support' alternative test — enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year — see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2))

None

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

None

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

Not Applicable

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

N/A

c Any submission deadlines.

N/A

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

N/A

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year				
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board 58 East State Street Montpelier VT 05602	N/A	PC	Agricultural Viability Implementation.	25,000.
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board 58 East State Street Montpelier VT 05602	N/A	PC	Vermont Digital Traceability Project	5,000.
University of Vermont One Prospect Street Burlington VT 05401	N/A	PC	Vegetable and berry research fund.	15,000.
Agricultural Stewardship Association 28 Main Street Greenwich NY 12834	N/A	PC	Support general operations.	35,000.
Dartmouth College 6016 McNutt Hall Hanover NH 03755	N/A	PC	Support intern program.	4,000.
Vermont Community Loan Fund P.O. Box 827 Montpelier VT 05601	N/A	PC	Food Hub equipment access program.	50,000.
University of New Hampshire Foundation 9 Edgewood Road Durham NH 03824	N/A	PC	NASDA annual meeting sponsorship.	550.
Rutland Area Farm & Food Link P.O. Box 284 Rutland VT 05702	N/A	PC	Support "Farm Fresh Connect" program.	6,000.
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund 9 Pitkin Court #301E Montpelier VT 05602	N/A	PC	Support agric. develop. program.	15,000.
Vermont Land Trust 8 Bailey Avenue Montpelier VT 05602	N/A	PC	Agricultural land acquisition.	10,000.
Total			3 a	165,550.
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3 b	

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue					
a						
b						
c						
d						
e						
f						
g	Fees and contracts from government agencies . .					
2	Membership dues and assessments					
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	5,029.	
4	Dividends and interest from securities			14	50,089.	
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a	Debt-financed property					
b	Not debt-financed property			16	-46,819.	
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					12,163.
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory . .			18	387,113.	
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .					
11	Other revenue					
a	K-1 Income from PRIs					89,193.
b						
c						
d						
e						
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				395,412.	101,356.
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	496,768.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Form 990-PF
Part I, Line 6a

Net Gain or Loss From Sale of Assets

2014

Name Castanea Foundation, Inc.	Employer Identification Number 20-2727759
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Asset Information:

Description of Property: Preferred Stock in Unrelated Agricultural Corporation
 Date Acquired . . . 08/05/13 How Acquired: . . . Purchased
 Date Sold . . . 02/27/15 Name of Buyer: . . . Vermont Smoke & Cure Redemption
 Sales Price . . . 406,074. Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . 109,500.
 Sales Expense . . . 0. Valuation Method: . . . Cost
 Total Gain (Loss) . . . 296,574. Accumulation Depreciation: . . . 0.

Description of Property: Real Property - Rutland Vermont
 Date Acquired . . . 03/31/07 How Acquired . . . Purchased
 Date Sold . . . 07/09/14 Name of Buyer: . . . Heritage Family Federal Credit Union
 Sales Price . . . 285,000. Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . 249,056.
 Sales Expense . . . 0. Valuation Method . . . Cost
 Total Gain (Loss): . . . 91,104. Accumulation Depreciation: . . . 55,160.

Description of Property: Real Property - Buskirk New York
 Date Acquired: . . . 09/04/09 How Acquired . . . Purchased
 Date Sold . . . 07/25/14 Name of Buyer . . . Landview Holdings LLC
 Sales Price . . . 105,000. Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . 105,000.
 Sales Expense . . . 565. Valuation Method: . . . Cost
 Total Gain (Loss): . . . -565. Accumulation Depreciation: . . . _____

Description of Property: _____
 Date Acquired: . . . _____ How Acquired . . . _____
 Date Sold . . . _____ Name of Buyer . . . _____
 Sales Price: . . . _____ Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . _____
 Sales Expense: . . . _____ Valuation Method . . . _____
 Total Gain (Loss): . . . _____ Accumulation Depreciation . . . _____

Description of Property: _____
 Date Acquired . . . _____ How Acquired . . . _____
 Date Sold . . . _____ Name of Buyer: . . . _____
 Sales Price: . . . _____ Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . _____
 Sales Expense . . . _____ Valuation Method: . . . _____
 Total Gain (Loss) . . . _____ Accumulation Depreciation . . . _____

Description of Property: _____
 Date Acquired: . . . _____ How Acquired: . . . _____
 Date Sold: . . . _____ Name of Buyer: . . . _____
 Sales Price: . . . _____ Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . _____
 Sales Expense: . . . _____ Valuation Method: . . . _____
 Total Gain (Loss): . . . _____ Accumulation Depreciation: . . . _____

Description of Property: _____
 Date Acquired . . . _____ How Acquired: . . . _____
 Date Sold . . . _____ Name of Buyer: . . . _____
 Sales Price: . . . _____ Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . _____
 Sales Expense . . . _____ Valuation Method . . . _____
 Total Gain (Loss): . . . _____ Accumulation Depreciation: . . . _____

Description of Property: _____
 Date Acquired: . . . _____ How Acquired . . . _____
 Date Sold: . . . _____ Name of Buyer: . . . _____
 Sales Price: . . . _____ Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) . . . _____
 Sales Expense: . . . _____ Valuation Method: . . . _____
 Total Gain (Loss): . . . _____ Accumulation Depreciation: . . . _____

Additional Information

Form 990-PF Page 7 Parts IX-A and IX-B

Part IX-A Line 1:

The Foundation works toward fulfilling its primary mission through a variety of land conservation mechanisms including purchase of critical, important or threatened land, funding the bargain purchase of development rights on farms by land trust or other conservation organizations and by making outright grants to other non-profit organizations with similar missions.

Part IX-A Line 2:

The Foundation is involved in a variety of conservation-related agricultural viability projects, including technical assistance to a number of small agricultural concerns, aimed at furthering the Foundation's mission to preserve ecologically significant or environmentally sensitive lands.

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 18

Line 18 Stmt

Taxes	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
Payroll Taxes	13,579.	5,432.	5,432.	8,147.
Federal Excise Taxes	6,914.	0.	0.	0.
Total	20,493.	5,432.	5,432.	8,147.

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 23

Line 23 Stmt

Other expenses:	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
Contractual Services	13,580.	5,432.	5,432.	8,148.
Insurance	14,545.	5,818.	5,818.	8,727.
Miscellaneous	4,624.	2,016.	2,016.	2,608.
Surveys & Appraisals	3,800.	0.	0.	3,800.
Supplies	1,737.	695.	695.	1,042.
Postage	533.	213.	213.	320.
Telephone & Internet	4,179.	1,672.	1,672.	2,507.
Repairs & Maintenance	66,039.	66,039.	66,039.	0.
Training & Education	1,301.	520.	520.	781.
Reimbursement of prior year program expenses:	-8,794.	0.	0.	-8,794.
Change in payables & accruals:	0.	0.	0.	2,582.
Change in prepaid expenses:	0.	0.	0.	-3,189.
Total	101,544.	82,405.	82,405.	18,532.

Form 990-PF, Page 4, Part VII-A, Line 8a

States Registered In

VT - Vermont

NY - New York

Form 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII, Line 1

Information about Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Person.. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business . <input type="checkbox"/> Robert E. Woolmington 100 State Street #510 Montpelier VT 05601	V.P. / Secr. 1.00	0.	0.	0.
Person.. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business . <input type="checkbox"/> Edward Campbell 100 State Street #510 Montpelier VT 05601	Director 0.20	0.	0.	0.

Form 990-PF, Page 6, Part VIII, Line 1

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Information about Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances

Total

0. 0. 0.

Form 990-PF, Page 7, Part IX-B, Summary of Program Related Investments

Line 3 Statement

All other program-related investments.

<u>Purchase of agricultural equipment as part of a program to provide cost-effective leasing options to unrelated farm and food system enterprises in support of the State of Vermont's initiative to enhance sustainable food systems and infrastructure.</u>	68,750.
<u>Notes receivable to unrelated agricultural enterprises to support agricultural viability projects and land conservation activities.</u>	305,325.

Total

374,075.

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I

Line 16a - Legal Fees

Name of Provider	Type of Service Provided	Amount Paid Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, PC	Corporate & Project Legal Counsel	15,541.	12,433.	12,433.	3,108.
L. Randolph Amis, Esq.	Project Legal Counsel	525.	420.	420.	105.
Total		<u>16,066.</u>	<u>12,853.</u>	<u>12,853.</u>	<u>3,213.</u>

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I

Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Name of Provider	Type of Service Provided	Amount Paid Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Wallace W. Tapia, PC	Tax, Attest and Advisory Services	7,145.	3,573.	3,573.	3,572.
Pearson & Renaud, PC	Accounting and Bookkeeping Services	9,499.	3,800.	3,800.	5,699.
Total		<u>16,644.</u>	<u>7,373.</u>	<u>7,373.</u>	<u>9,271.</u>

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 14

L-14 Stmt

Line 14b - Description of Land, Buildings, and Equipment	(a) Cost/Other Basis	(b) Accumulated Depreciation	(c) Book Value
Office equipment	11,231.	10,416.	815.
Total	<u>11,231.</u>	<u>10,416.</u>	<u>815.</u>

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 15

Other Assets Stmt

Line 15 - Other Assets:	Beginning Year Book Value	End of Year Book Value	Fair Market Value
PRI: Note Receivable - VCLF; 2.5%; Due 4/16	20,000.	20,000.	20,000.
PRI: Preferred Stock - Vermont Smoke & Cure	100,000.	0.	0.
PRI: Agricultural Land at Cost	286,980.	136,279.	136,279.
PRI: Agricultural Bldgs/Improv. (net of A/D)	396,945.	223,046.	223,046.
PRI: Agricultural Equipment (net of A/D)	176,631.	189,515.	189,515.
PRI: 5% Mortgage Receivable; secured by farmland.	245,208.	244,999.	244,999.
PRI: 6% Note Receivable - High Mowing Seed Co.	164,617.	127,063.	127,063.
PRI: Investment in LLC - The Cellars at Jasper Hill	525,009.	572,816.	572,816.
PRI: Investment in Flexible Capital Fund - VSJF	100,000.	108,356.	108,356.
PRI: Investment in Low-Profit LLC - Evergreen Cons. Ptrs	382,536.	385,002.	385,002.
PRI: 3% Note Receivable - Ayers Brook Goat Dairy	200,000.	200,000.	200,000.
PRI: Note Receivable - Shelburne Farms	0.	1,500,000.	1,500,000.
PRI: 6% Subordinated Convertible Note - GMOC	0.	100,000.	100,000.
PRI: 4% Subordinated Convertible Note - Farmers to You	0.	100,000.	100,000.
PRI: 8% Note Receivable - Full Sun LLC	0.	105,325.	105,325.
PRI: 3% Mortgage Receivable - Unrelated Individuals	0.	250,000.	250,000.
Accrued Interest Receivable	9,379.	26,827.	26,827.
Total	<u>2,607,305.</u>	<u>4,289,228.</u>	<u>4,289,228.</u>

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 22

Other Liab Stmt

Line 22 - Other Liabilities:	Beginning Year Book Value	Ending Year Book Value
Deposits received	0.	7,000.
Accrued federal excise taxes	0.	6,500.
Total	<u>0.</u>	<u>13,500.</u>

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990-PF, pl/Line 25(d)

Description	Amount
Grants awarded (Part XV / Line 3a)	165,550.
Payments of prior year awards:	
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	4,758.
Agricultural Stewardship Association	28,236.
Salvation Farms	15,000.
Total	213,544.