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**SCHEDULE J
(Form 1040)**

**Income Averaging for Individuals With Income From
Farming or Fishing**

OMB No. 1545-0074

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR.

2026
Attachment
Sequence No. **20**

Go to www.irs.gov/ScheduleJ for instructions and the latest information.

Name(s) shown on return

Social security number (SSN)

1	Enter the taxable income from your 2026 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 15	1	
2a	Enter your elected farm income . See instructions. Do not enter more than the amount on line 1	2a	
Capital gain included on line 2a:			
2b	Excess, if any, of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss	2b	
2c	Unrecaptured section 1250 gain	2c	
3	Subtract line 2a from line 1	3	
4	Figure the tax on the amount on line 3 using the 2026 tax rates. See instructions	4	
5	If you used Schedule J to figure your tax for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025, enter the amount from your 2025 Schedule J, line 11; • 2024 but not 2025, enter the amount from your 2024 Schedule J, line 15; or • 2023 but not 2024 or 2025, enter the amount from your 2023 Schedule J, line 3. Otherwise, enter the taxable income from your 2023 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 15. If zero or less, see instructions.	5	
6	Divide the amount on line 2a by 3.0	6	
7	Combine lines 5 and 6. If zero or less, enter -0-	7	
8	Figure the tax on the amount on line 7 using the 2023 tax rates. See instructions	8	
9	If you used Schedule J to figure your tax for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025, enter the amount from your 2025 Schedule J, line 15; or • 2024 but not 2025, enter the amount from your 2024 Schedule J, line 3. Otherwise, enter the taxable income from your 2024 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 15. If zero or less, see instructions.	9	
10	Enter the amount from line 6	10	
11	Combine lines 9 and 10. If less than zero, enter as a negative amount	11	
12	Figure the tax on the amount on line 11 using the 2024 tax rates. See instructions	12	
13	If you used Schedule J to figure your tax for 2025, enter the amount from your 2025 Schedule J, line 3. Otherwise, enter the taxable income from your 2025 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 15. If zero or less, see instructions	13	
14	Enter the amount from line 6	14	
15	Combine lines 13 and 14. If less than zero, enter as a negative amount	15	
16	Figure the tax on the amount on line 15 using the 2025 tax rates. See instructions	16	
17	Add lines 4, 8, 12, and 16	17	

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18	Amount from line 17	18	
19	If you used Schedule J to figure your tax for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025, enter the amount from your 2025 Schedule J, line 12; • 2024 but not 2025, enter the amount from your 2024 Schedule J, line 16; or • 2023 but not 2024 or 2025, enter the amount from your 2023 Schedule J, line 4. Otherwise, enter the tax from your 2023 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 16.	19	
20	If you used Schedule J to figure your tax for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025, enter the amount from your 2025 Schedule J, line 16; or • 2024 but not 2025, enter the amount from your 2024 Schedule J, line 4. Otherwise, enter the tax from your 2024 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 16.	20	
21	If you used Schedule J to figure your tax for 2025, enter the amount from your 2025 Schedule J, line 4. Otherwise, enter the tax from your 2025 Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 16*	21	
* Only include tax reported on this line that is imposed by section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code. See instructions.			
22	Add lines 19 through 21	22	
23	Tax. Subtract line 22 from line 18. Also, include this amount on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 16	23	
Caution: Your tax may be less if you figure it using the 2026 Tax Table, Tax Computation Worksheet, Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet, or Schedule D Tax Worksheet. Attach Schedule J only if you are using it to figure your tax.			

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