

U.S. Self-Employment Tax Return

Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), or Puerto Rico

1992

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1992, or other tax year beginning 1992, and ending 19

Form header section with fields for name, address, and social security number.

- A If you are a minister, member of a religious order, or Christian Science practitioner, AND you filed Form 4361, but you had \$400 or more of other net earnings from self-employment, check here and continue with Part I.
B If your only income subject to self-employment tax is church employee income, and you are not a minister or a member of a religious order, skip lines 1 through 4b. Enter -0- on line 4c, and go to line 5a.

Part I Self-Employment Tax

Main body of the form with numbered lines 1 through 20 for calculating self-employment tax.

Please Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Signature and preparer information section including fields for signature, date, and social security number.

**Part II Optional Methods To Figure Net Earnings** (See instructions on page 6 for limitations.)

<b>Farm Optional Method</b>				
1	Maximum income for optional methods . . . . .	1	\$1,600	00
2	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of: two-thirds (2/3) of gross farm income from Part III, line 11, and your distributive share from farm partnerships, <b>or</b> \$1,600. Include this amount on page 1, line 4b . . . . .	2		
<b>Nonfarm Optional Method</b>				
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3		
4	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of: two-thirds (2/3) of gross income from Part IV, line 5, and your distributive share from nonfarm partnerships <b>or</b> the amount on line 3 above. Also include this amount on page 1, line 4b . . . . .	4		

**Part III Profit or Loss From Farming**

**Section A.—Farm Income—Cash Method—Complete Sections A and B**  
 (If accrual method taxpayer, complete Sections B and C, and line 11 of Section A.)  
**Do not include sales of livestock held for draft, breeding, sport, or dairy purposes.**

1	Sales of livestock and other items you bought for resale. . . . .	1			
2	Cost or other basis of livestock and other items reported on line 1 . . . . .	2			
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3			
4	Sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products you raised . . . . .	4			
5a	Total cooperative distributions (Form(s) 1099-PATR). . . . .	5a			5b Taxable amount
6	Agricultural program payments received . . . . .	6			
7	Commodity credit loans reported under election (or forfeited) . . . . .	7			
8	Crop insurance proceeds . . . . .	8			
9	Custom hire (machine work) income . . . . .	9			
10	Other income . . . . .	10			
11	<b>Gross farm income.</b> Add amounts in the right column for lines 3 through 10. If accrual method taxpayer, enter the amount from Section C, line 49 . . . . . ▶	11			

**Section B.—Farm Expenses—Cash and Accrual Method**

**Do not include personal or living expenses (such as taxes, insurance, repairs, etc., on your home) that did not produce farm income. Reduce the amount of your farm expenses by any reimbursements before entering the expenses below.**

12	Car and truck expenses (attach <b>Form 4562</b> ) . . . . .	12			24	Labor hired . . . . .	24		
13	Chemicals . . . . .	13			25	Pension and profit-sharing plans . . . . .	25		
14	Conservation expenses (attach <b>Form 8645</b> ) . . . . .	14			26	Rent or lease:			
15	Custom hire (machine work) . . . . .	15			a	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment . . . . .	26a		
16	Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction not claimed elsewhere (attach <b>Form 4562</b> if required) . . . . .	16			b	Other (land, animals, etc.) . . . . .	26b		
17	Employee benefit programs other than on line 25 . . . . .	17			27	Repairs and maintenance. . . . .	27		
18	Feed purchased . . . . .	18			28	Seeds and plants purchased. . . . .	28		
19	Fertilizers and lime . . . . .	19			29	Storage and warehousing. . . . .	29		
20	Freight and trucking . . . . .	20			30	Supplies purchased . . . . .	30		
21	Gasoline, fuel, and oil . . . . .	21			31	Taxes . . . . .	31		
22	Insurance (other than health) . . . . .	22			32	Utilities . . . . .	32		
23	Interest:				33	Veterinary, breeding, and medicine . . . . .	33		
a	Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.) . . . . .	23a			34	Other expenses (specify):			
b	Other . . . . .	23b			a	.....	34a		
					b	.....	34b		
					c	.....	34c		
					d	.....	34d		
					e	.....	34e		
35	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 12 through 34e . . . . . ▶	35			35		35		
36	<b>Net farm profit or (loss).</b> Subtract line 35 from line 11. Enter the result here and on page 1, line 1.	36			36		36		

**Section C.—Farm Income—Accrual Method**

**Do not include sales of livestock held for draft, breeding, sport, or dairy purposes on any of the lines below.**

<b>37</b>	Sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products during the year . . . . .			<b>37</b>		
<b>38a</b>	Total cooperative distributions (Form(s) 1099-PATR) <b>38a</b>     <b>38b</b> Taxable amount			<b>38b</b>		
<b>39</b>	Agricultural program payments received . . . . .			<b>39</b>		
<b>40</b>	Commodity credit loans reported under election (or forfeited) . . . . .			<b>40</b>		
<b>41</b>	Custom hire (machine work) income . . . . .			<b>41</b>		
<b>42</b>	Other farm income (specify) .....			<b>42</b>		
<b>43</b>	Add the amounts in the right column for lines 37 through 42 . . . . .			<b>43</b>		
<b>44</b>	Inventory of livestock, produce, grains, and other products at the beginning of the year . . . . .	<b>44</b>				
<b>45</b>	Cost of livestock, produce, grains, and other products purchased during the year . . . . .	<b>45</b>				
<b>46</b>	Add lines 44 and 45 . . . . .	<b>46</b>				
<b>47</b>	Inventory of livestock, produce, grains, and other products at the end of the year . . . . .	<b>47</b>				
<b>48</b>	Cost of livestock, produce, grains, and other products sold. Subtract line 47 from line 46* . . . . .			<b>48</b>		
<b>49</b>	<b>Gross farm income.</b> Subtract line 48 from line 43. Enter the result here and on page 2, Part III, line 11 ▶			<b>49</b>		

\*If you use the unit-livestock-price method or the farm-price method of valuing inventory and the amount on line 47 is larger than the amount on line 46, subtract line 46 from line 47. Enter the result on line 48. Add lines 43 and 48. Enter the total on line 49.

**Part IV Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship)**

**Section A.—Income**

<b>1</b>	Gross receipts \$ ..... less returns and allowances \$ ..... Balance ▶			<b>1</b>		
<b>2a</b>	Inventory at beginning of year . . . . .	<b>2a</b>				
<b>b</b>	Purchases less cost of items withdrawn for personal use . . . . .	<b>2b</b>				
<b>c</b>	Cost of labor (do not include salary paid to yourself) . . . . .	<b>2c</b>				
<b>d</b>	Materials and supplies . . . . .	<b>2d</b>				
<b>e</b>	Other costs (attach statement) . . . . .	<b>2e</b>				
<b>f</b>	Add lines 2a through 2e . . . . .	<b>2f</b>				
<b>g</b>	Inventory at end of year . . . . .	<b>2g</b>				
<b>h</b>	Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 2g from line 2f . . . . .			<b>2h</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Gross profit.</b> Subtract line 2h from line 1 . . . . .			<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>	Other income . . . . .			<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Gross income.</b> Add lines 3 and 4 . . . . . ▶			<b>5</b>		

**Section B.—Expenses**

<b>6</b>	Advertising . . . . .	<b>6</b>		<b>19</b>	Repairs and maintenance . . . . .	<b>19</b>		
<b>7</b>	Bad debts from sales or services . . . . .	<b>7</b>		<b>20</b>	Supplies (not included in Section A) . . . . .	<b>20</b>		
<b>8</b>	Car and truck expenses (attach <b>Form 4562</b> ) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		<b>21</b>	Taxes and licenses . . . . .	<b>21</b>		
<b>9</b>	Commissions and fees . . . . .	<b>9</b>		<b>22</b>	Travel, meals, and entertainment:	<b>22a</b>		
<b>10</b>	Depletion . . . . .	<b>10</b>		<b>a</b>	Travel . . . . .			
<b>11</b>	Depreciation and section 179 expense deduction (not included in Section A). (Attach <b>Form 4562</b> if required.) . . . . .	<b>11</b>		<b>b</b>	Meals and entertainment . . . . .			
<b>12</b>	Employee benefit programs (other than line 17) . . . . .	<b>12</b>		<b>c</b>	Enter 20% of line 22b subject to limitations. . . . .			
<b>13</b>	Insurance (other than health) . . . . .	<b>13</b>		<b>d</b>	Subtract line 22c from line 22b . . . . .	<b>22d</b>		
<b>14</b>	Interest on business indebtedness . . . . .	<b>14</b>		<b>23</b>	Utilities . . . . .	<b>23</b>		
<b>15</b>	Legal and professional services . . . . .	<b>15</b>		<b>24</b>	Wages not included in 2c . . . . .	<b>24</b>		
<b>16</b>	Office expense . . . . .	<b>16</b>		<b>25a</b>	Other expenses (list type and amount):			
<b>17</b>	Pension and profit-sharing plans . . . . .	<b>17</b>			.....			
<b>18</b>	Rent or lease:				.....			
<b>a</b>	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment . . . . .	<b>18a</b>			.....			
<b>b</b>	Other business property . . . . .	<b>18b</b>		<b>25b</b>	Total other expenses . . . . .	<b>25b</b>		
<b>26</b>	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 6 through 25b . . . . . ▶			<b>26</b>		<b>26</b>		
<b>27</b>	<b>Net profit or (loss).</b> Subtract line 26 from line 5. Enter the result here and on page 1, line 2 . . . . .			<b>27</b>		<b>27</b>		

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.**—We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

**Recordkeeping** . . . . . 7 hr., 19 min.

**Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 24 min.

**Preparing the form** . . . . . 2 hr., 37 min.

**Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS** . . . . . 49 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form more simple, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to both the **Internal Revenue Service**, Washington, DC 20224, Attention: IRS Reports Clearance Officer, T:FP; and the **Office of Management and Budget**, Paperwork Reduction Project (1545-0090), Washington, DC 20503. **DO NOT** send this form to either of these offices. Instead, see **Where To File** below.

## General Instructions

(Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.)

### A Change To Note

For 1992, the maximum amount of self-employment income subject to the social security tax is \$55,500. The maximum amount subject to Medicare tax for 1992 is \$130,200.

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 1040SS to report net earnings from self-employment and pay self-employment tax. The Social Security Administration uses this information to figure your benefits under the social security program. Self-employment tax applies regardless of your age and even if you are already receiving social security benefits.

### Additional Information

For more details, get **Pub. 533**, **Self-Employment Tax**, available from most Internal Revenue Service offices. Information about profit or loss from business and farm income and expenses can be found in the Instructions for Form 1040.

If you expect to owe self-employment tax of \$500 or more for 1993, you may have to make estimated tax payments. Use **Form 1040-ES**, **Estimated Tax for Individuals**, to make any estimated tax payments.

### Who Must File

You **MUST** file Form 1040SS if:

—You were self-employed and your net earnings from self-employment (from other than church employee income) were \$400 or more (or you had church employee income of \$108.28 or more—see

### Employees of Churches and Church Organizations below); and

—You did not have wages (and tips) of \$130,200 or more that were subject to social security and Medicare tax; and

—You do not have to file Form 1040 with the United States, and you are a resident of:

- Guam,
- American Samoa,
- The Virgin Islands,
- The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), or
- Puerto Rico. (You may file either Form 1040-PR or Form 1040SS.)

You must also file Form 1040SS to pay any employee social security and Medicare tax on unreported tips or uncollected employee social security and Medicare tax on tips or group-term life insurance (see instructions for Part I, lines 8b and 12b and line 15).

### When To File

If you file on a calendar year basis, file by April 15, 1993. If you file on a fiscal year basis, file this form by the 15th day of the 4th month after the close of your fiscal year.

### Where To File

Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255.

### Where To Get Forms

**Puerto Rico.**—Director’s Representative, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Edificio Mercantil Plaza, Parada 27½, Avenida Ponce de Leon, Hato Rey, PR 00917; or you may send your order to Eastern Area Distribution Center, P.O. Box 25866, Richmond, VA 23286-8107.

**Virgin Islands.**—Federal Building, Room 216, 5500 Veterans Drive, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802; or V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue, Lockharts Garden No. 1A, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

**Guam.**—Internal Revenue Service, Pacific Daily News Bldg., 230 O’Hara St., Suite 902, Agana, GU 96910.

**American Samoa.**—American Samoa Government, Tax Division, Suite 111, Pago Plaza, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

**CNMI.**—Division of Revenue and Taxation, CNMI, Central Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

### Signature and Date

Sign and date your return. It is not a valid return unless you sign it.

Generally, anyone you pay to prepare your return must sign it and fill in the Paid Preparer’s Use Only area of your return. Someone who prepares your return, but **does not charge you, should not sign.**

If you have questions about whether a preparer is required to sign your return, please contact an Internal Revenue Service office.

**Note:** *The preparer required to sign your return MUST:*

- *Sign it, by hand, in the space provided for the preparer’s signature. (Signature stamps or labels are not acceptable.)*

- *Give you a copy of your return in addition to the copy to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.*

## Name and Social Security Number

To ensure proper credit to your social security account, enter your name and social security number exactly as they are shown on your social security card. If you don’t have a social security number, please get **Form SS-5** from a Social Security Administration District Office at one of the following addresses:

**Puerto Rico.**—2nd Floor, 65th Infantry Commercial Center, 65th Infantry and Barbosa Avenues, Room 200, Río Piedras, PR 00923; Avenida Rotarios 521, Arecibo, PR 00612; Calles Baldorioty y Vizcarrondo, Caguas, PR 00626; Carretera 2, 830, Mayaguez PR 00708; Carretera 2, Gran Auto Parts, Hato Tejas, PR 00619; San Rafael Industrial Park, Ponce By-Pass, Ponce, PR 00731; or Edificio Mercantil Plaza, Room GS-11, Parada 27½, Avenida Ponce de Leon, Hato Rey, PR 00917.

**Virgin Islands.**—Room 113, Federal Building, 5500 Veterans Dr., Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00802, or Sunny Isle Shopping Center, Center Line Rd., Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820.

**Guam.**—238 ABP F.C., Flore St., Agana, GU 96910.

**American Samoa.**—Suite 111, Pago Plaza, P.O. Box 338, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

**CNMI.**—Nauru Building, P.O. Box 489, Saipan, MP 96950.

## Who Is Subject to Self-Employment Tax? Self-Employed Persons

You are subject to self-employment tax if you had net earnings from being self-employed. If you are in business for yourself, or you are a farmer, for example, you are self-employed.

Your share of certain partnership income and guaranteed payments are also subject to self-employment tax. See **Partnership Income or Loss** on page 5.

## Employees of Churches and Church Organizations

If you had church employee income of \$108.28 or more, you may be subject to self-employment tax. “Church employee income” is wages you received as an employee (other than as a minister or member of a religious order) from a church or a qualified church-controlled organization that has a certificate in effect electing exemption from employer social security and Medicare taxes. See line B on page 1.

## Ministers and Members of Religious Orders

Although salaries and other income you had as a minister or member of a religious order are not included in church employee income, you must include this income on line 1 of Part IV, unless the IRS approved you as being exempt from self-employment tax. See **Who Is Not Subject to Self-Employment Tax?** on page 5.

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## Employees of Foreign Governments or International Organizations

You are subject to self-employment tax if you are a U.S. citizen or a resident of Puerto Rico employed by a foreign government (or, in certain cases, by an agency wholly owned by a foreign government or an international organization under the International Organizations Immunities Act) in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the CNMI, or the Virgin Islands. Report income from this employment on line 1 of Part IV. If you are employed elsewhere by a foreign government or an international organization, those earnings are not subject to self-employment tax.

## Who Is Not Subject to Self-Employment Tax?

In most cases, you are subject to self-employment tax on net earnings you get as a minister, a member of a religious order who has not taken a vow of poverty, or a Christian Science practitioner. But you will not be subject to self-employment tax on those net earnings if you filed **Form 4361**, Application for Exemption From Self-Employment Tax for Use by Ministers, Members of Religious Orders and Christian Science Practitioners, and the IRS approved you as being exempt from self-employment tax. If you filed Form 4361 and have no other income subject to self-employment tax, then you are not required to file Form 1040SS. If you filed Form 4361 but have \$400 or more of other earnings subject to self-employment tax, you must check the box on line A of page 1 and continue with Part I.

**Note:** If you have ever filed **Form 2031** to elect social security coverage, you cannot apply for exemption now.

If you have conscientious objections to social security insurance because of your membership in and belief in the teachings of a religious sect recognized as being in existence at all times since December 31, 1950, and which has provided a reasonable level of living for its dependent members, you can request exemption from self-employment tax by filing **Form 4029**, Application for Exemption From Social Security and Medicare Taxes and Waiver of Benefits. If you filed Form 4029 and have received IRS approval, do not file Form 1040SS.

Get **Pub. 517**, Social Security for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers, for more details.

## More Than One Business

If you were a farmer and had at least one other business or you had two or more businesses, your net earnings from self-employment are the combined net earnings from all your businesses. If you had a loss in one business, it reduces the income from another. Complete and file only one Form 1040SS for any one year. Attach a profit and loss statement for each trade or business, and include the net earnings in Part I.

## Community Income

If any of the income from a business, including farming, is community income, all of the income from that business is considered

self-employment earnings of the spouse who carried on the trade or business unless there is a husband and wife partnership. The identity of the spouse who carried on the trade or business is determined by the facts in each situation.

## Fiscal Year Filers

If your tax year is a fiscal year, use the tax rate and earnings base that apply at the time the fiscal year begins. Do not prorate the tax or earnings base for a fiscal year that overlaps the date of a rate or earnings base change.

## Specific Instructions

We have provided specific instructions for some of the lines on the form. Lines that do not appear in the instructions are self-explanatory.

The accounting method you used to record your farm income determines whether you complete Section A or C of Part III.

**Cash Method.**—Include all of your income in the year you actually get it. Generally, you deduct your expenses when you pay them.

**Accrual Method.**—Include your income in the year you earned it. It does not matter when you get it. You deduct your expenses when you incur them.

## Part I

### Self-Employment Tax

Generally, net earnings from self-employment are your net profits from a farm or nonfarm business operated by you and your share of certain partnership income and guaranteed payments. See **Partnership Income or Loss** and the instructions below for income or losses included or not included in net earnings from self-employment.

**Lines 1 and 2.**—Do not include on lines 1 and 2 any income or expenses not included in figuring net earnings from self-employment. If you were a general partner, reduce lines 1 and 2 for any section 179 expense deduction, oil or gas depletion, and unreimbursed partnership expenses.

If you were a duly ordained minister who was an employee of a church and you are subject to self-employment tax, report your income and expenses from performing services as a minister in Part IV. Enter the net amount in Part I, line 2. For more information, see Pub. 517.

### Partnership Income or Loss

When figuring your total net earnings from self-employment, include your share of partnership income or loss attributable to a trade or business and any guaranteed payments for services or for the use of capital. However, if you are a limited partner, include only guaranteed payments for services you actually rendered to or on behalf of the partnership.

If your partnership is engaged solely in the operation of a group investment program, earnings from the operation are not self-employment earnings for either the general or limited partners.

If a partner dies, and the partnership continues, the deceased partner's distributive share of the partnership's ordinary income or loss through the end of the month in which he or she dies must be included in his or her self-employment income. See section 1402(f).

### Share Farming

If you produced crops or livestock on someone else's land for a share of the crops or livestock produced, or the proceeds from the sale of them, you are considered a self-employed person rather than an employee.

### Other Income and Losses Included in Net Earnings From Self-Employment

- Rental income from a farm if, as landlord, you participated materially in the production or management of the production of farm products on this land. This income is farm earnings. To determine if you participated materially in farm management or production, do not consider the activities of any agent who acted for you.
- Cash or a payment-in-kind received from the Department of Agriculture for participation in a land diversion program.
- Payments for the use of rooms or other space when you also provided substantial services. Examples are hotel rooms, boarding houses, tourist camps or homes, parking lots, warehouses, and storage garages.
- Income from the retail sale of newspapers and magazines if you were age 18 or older and kept the profits.
- Amounts received by current or former self-employed insurance agents that are:
  1. Paid after retirement, but calculated as a percentage of commissions received from the paying company before retirement,
  2. Renewal commissions, or
  3. Deferred commissions paid after retirement for sales made before retirement.
- Income as a crew member of a fishing vessel with a crew of normally fewer than 10 individuals. See **Pub. 595**, Tax Guide for Commercial Fishermen, for more information.
- Fees as a state or local government employee if you were paid only on a fee basis and the job was not covered under a Federal-state social security coverage agreement.
- Interest received in the course of any trade or business, such as interest on notes or accounts receivable.
- The rental value of a home or an allowance for a home furnished to you as a minister or member of a religious order. See Pub. 517.
- The value of meals or lodging given to you for the convenience of your employer if you are a minister or member of a religious order.
- Fees and other payments received by you for services as a director of a corporation.
- Recapture amounts under sections 179 and 280F that you included in gross income because the business use of the property dropped to 50% or less. Do not include

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amounts recaptured on the disposition of property.

- Fees you received as a professional fiduciary. This may also apply to fees you received as a nonprofessional fiduciary if the fees relate to active participation in the operation of the estate's trade or business or the management of an estate that required extensive management activities over a long period of time.
- Gain or loss from section 1256 contracts or related property by an options or commodities dealer in the normal course of dealing in or trading section 1256 contracts.

### Income and Losses Not Included in Net Earnings From Self-Employment

- Salaries, fees, etc., subject to social security or Medicare tax that you received for performing services as an employee, including services performed as a public official (except as a fee basis government employee as explained under **Other Income and Losses Included in Net Earnings From Self-Employment** on page 5).
- Income you received as a retired partner under a written partnership plan that provides for lifelong periodic retirement payments, if you had no other interest in the partnership and did not perform services for it during the year.
- Income from real estate rentals (including rentals paid in crop shares) unless received in the course of a trade or business as a real estate dealer.
- Dividends on shares of stock and interest on bonds, notes, etc., unless received in the course of your trade or business as a dealer in stocks or securities.
- Gain or loss from:
  1. The sale or exchange of a capital asset,
  2. The sale, exchange, involuntary conversion, or other disposition of property, unless the property is stock in trade or other property that would be includible in inventory, or held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of the business, or
  3. Certain transactions in timber, coal, or domestic iron ore.
- Net operating losses from other years.

### Unreported Tips Subject to Social Security and Medicare Tax

**Lines 8b and 12b.**—If you received tips of \$20 or more in any month and did not report all of those tips to your employer, **you must file Form 4137**, Social Security and Medicare Tax on Unreported Tip Income. Disregard the references to Form 1040 shown on Form 4137. Also see the instructions for line 15 below.

Enter on line 8b the amount from Form 4137, line 9. Enter on line 12b the amount from Form 4137, line 14.

### Self-Employment Tax

**Line 15—Employee Social Security and Medicare Tax on Tips Not Reported to Employer.**—Complete Form 4137 if you received cash or charge tips of \$20 or more in any month and you did not report all of those tips to your employer.

Write the amount of tax due (from line 16 of Form 4137) on the dotted line next to line 15 on page 1 of Form 1040SS and label the amount "Tax on Tips." Include it in the total on line 15 and attach Form 4137 to Form 1040SS. Be sure to complete **Schedule U** (Form 1040) on Form 4137.

**Uncollected Employee Social Security and Medicare Tax on Tips.**—If you did not have enough wages to cover the social security and Medicare tax due on tips you reported to your employer, the amount of tax due should be identified with codes **A** and **B** in box 6 of your Form W-2AS, W-2CM, W-2GU, or W-2VI. Include this tax in the total for line 15. Enter the amount of this tax and the words "Uncollected Tax" on the dotted line next to line 15.

**Uncollected Employee Social Security and Medicare Tax on Group-Term Life Insurance.**—If you had group-term life insurance through a former employer, you may have to pay social security and Medicare tax on part of the cost of the life insurance. The amount of tax due should be identified with codes **M** and **N** in box 6 of your Form W-2AS, W-2CM, W-2GU, or W-2VI. Include this tax in the total for line 15. Enter the amount of this tax and the words "Uncollected Tax" on the dotted line next to line 15.

## Part II

### Optional Methods To Figure Net Earnings

Use of the optional methods gives you credit toward your social security coverage even though you have a loss or low income from self-employment. But the optional methods may require you to pay self-employment tax when none would otherwise be required to be paid.

#### Farm Optional Method

If your gross farm income for the year was \$2,400 or less, you can report two-thirds of your gross farm income instead of your actual net earnings from farming.

If your gross farm income was more than \$2,400, and your net farm profits (defined below) were less than \$1,733, you can report \$1,600 on line 2 of Part II.

If you can use this method, it can increase or decrease net farm earnings, even if the farming business resulted in a loss. There is no limit to the number of years you can use this method. If you use this method, you must apply it to all farm earnings from self-employment for the year.

You may change the method after you file your return. For example, you can change from the regular to the optional method or from the optional to the regular method.

For a farm partnership, figure your share of gross income based on the partnership agreement. With guaranteed payments, your share of the partnership's gross income is your guaranteed payments plus your share of the gross income after it is reduced by all guaranteed payments made by the partnership. If you were a limited partner, include only guaranteed payments for services you actually rendered to or on behalf of the partnership.

"Net farm profits" is the total of the amounts from Part III, line 36, and your distributive share from farm partnerships.

#### Nonfarm Optional Method

You may be able to use this method to figure your net earnings from nonfarm self-employment if your net nonfarm profits (defined below) were less than \$1,733, and also less than 72.189% of your gross nonfarm income.

You may use this method if you are regularly self-employed. You meet this requirement if you had actual net earnings from self-employment of \$400 or more in at least 2 of the 3 years just before the year for which you use the nonfarm optional method. The net earnings of \$400 or more could be from either farm or nonfarm earnings or both. The net earnings include your distributive share of partnership income or loss. The limit for the optional method for nonfarm self-employment is 5 years. The 5 years need not be consecutive.

You may report on line 4 of Part II, two-thirds of your gross nonfarm income, up to \$1,600, as your net earnings from self-employment. **But you may not report less than your actual net earnings** from nonfarm self-employment.

Figure your share of gross income from a nonfarm partnership in the same manner as for a farm partnership. See **Farm Optional Method** above for details.

"Net nonfarm profits" is the total of the amounts from Part IV, line 27, and your distributive share from other than farm partnerships.

#### Using Both Optional Methods

If you can use both methods, you may report less than your total actual net earnings from farm and nonfarm self-employment, but you **cannot** report less than your actual net earnings from nonfarm self-employment alone.

If you use both methods to figure net earnings from self-employment, you **cannot** report more than \$1,600 of net earnings from self-employment.