



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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Please return this form by December 31st of each year to your Regional Director and a copy to the National Office.
This report should cover anything that has occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.

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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

In September 2018, 19 members of NMEAFCS attended the Annual Session in San Antonio Texas. This was the largest showing at an annual session since NM hosted in 2011. Since we are neighbors to Texas and many agents could drive to San Antonio it was a great showing for the NM affiliate!

In 2018, the NEAFCS New Mexico Affiliate received two First Place National Awards and seven First Place Western Regional Awards out of 12 Applications submitted to NEAFCS for Western Regional and National judging. Members submitted 15 NEAFCS award applications and one state award application to the Affiliate for state judging! That's up from three in 2017. The Awards Committee made encouraging members to apply for Awards a priority in 2018 by discussing the Awards process at the 2018 New Mexico CES In-Service, sending out reminder emails and working with State Specialists to submit group Awards.
VP of Public Affairs Committee Report:

In April 2018, the VP for Public Affairs and a committee member attended the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) conference. The theme was "Cultivating a Climate of Civil Dialogue" and emphasized the importance of listening to understand, asking meaningful questions, promoting respect and being comfortable with agreeing to disagree. It was also a great opportunity for the NMSU Extension professionals to meet with their congressional delegation to share impactful stories about the impact of Extension programs.

NMSU CES is working on a Mentoring program which is much needed in this state. Membership to all the professional CES national associations are encouraged by our administration.

What are your Affiliate's goals for the next 12 months?

Continue to have members apply for awards, submit workshop and poster session proposals. Have at least 10 members of NMEAFCS attend Annual Session in Hershey PA. Grow our membership with every new FCS agent hired in NM.

What challenges do Cooperative Extension and/or Family & Consumer Sciences pose in your state?

Many FCS agents are retiring who have a broad background in the home economics field. The new agents joining NMSU/CES tend to have specific focus in Nutrition, Public Health, etc.. They are not able to field questions and teach on topics in the other FCS topics. A strong mentorship program is needed in NM CES.

To assist NEAFCS in future planning and communication, please list concerns your Affiliate has for the NEAFCS Board to address:

Concerns from your State: (Concerns for the NEAFCS Board)

The cost of membership along with the cost of registering and traveling to annual sessions is challenging, especially when people belong to multiple professional organizations. This may be one reason shrinking membership numbers. We

appreciate the boards work to keep conference costs low. Does the board have recommendations of how to increase membership?

The state of CES in your state:

Tight budgets at all levels of government are affecting university and Cooperative Extension Service (CES) budgets. New Mexico CES is committed to county-based Extension system and has been able to maintain this structure in the face of budget cuts. Strategic planning is currently taking place to ensure the viability of Extension in the future.