



# Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the  
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Please return this form by December 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

State/Territory: Colorado Date: 12/23/2020  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

As with many affiliates COVID-19 made it difficult to gather for professional development and to host programs in person. CEAFCS was not any different. The members worked to create a plan for developing some online (ZOOM) trainings for cottage food producers as well as teaching how to preserve and cook. General food safety was also taught to restaurants learning how to be prepared to reopen for serving food during these challenging times.

CEAFCS hosted their annual fundraiser virtually with the "Race across Colorado" virtual run/walk during the annual professional development hosted for all Extension professionals in Colorado. This year's virtual event had 20 participants.

CEAFCS members are working on creating more and more media presents from the Live Smart Colorado Blog, Food Smart blog as well as social media posts. Colorado FCS received the 1<sup>st</sup> place National Food Safety Award.

CEAFCS has worked hard to begin to create a social media presence to market what classes and programs that are available as well as be a resource to students and retirees. Currently the Facebook page is up and running.

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

The affiliate goals for the next 12 months are to recruit and retain members. The challenge that happens every year is budget cuts. The theme for 2021 is the "Secret is out". We are challenging each member to create a media presence as to the programming and services that each can provide. We are hoping by creating this information tool, that we can also assess the need for services provided by members of the CEAFCS.

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

The challenges that we are seeing is that FCS educators/agents are serving in dual roles with 4-H. This limits their time with programming and serving their communities. Many of these educators are serving multiple counties and that also limits the ability to conduct programs. Over the next year each county will be conducting a community needs assessment and we will see how this might help enhance the numbers of individuals able to assist with FCS programming in 2022.

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