



Affiliate Annual Report Form

Submit this form to your Regional Director and the
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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.

State/Territory: Louisiana Date: 2/15/24

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

Our membership has increased since 2023. We are currently in the process of increasing policy, systems, and environmental changes in our communities that lead to healthier lifestyles for our residents.

We held our LEAFCS annual meeting in December and had members in attendance. We enjoyed a wonderful LEAFCS State conference and are in the process of planning a state conference for 2024. We held our LEAFCS annual meeting in May 2023 and had 30 members and 6 retirees in attendance. Members submitted proposals and 6 teams were chosen to host workshops at the conference. As part of the theme rooted in health, we toured a local seafood processing plant to better understand that aspect of the food system and the importance of food safety.

Member Resources: We have been able to recruit new members and encourage them to get involved in offices and committee chairs in our organization. Currently 3 members are interested in attend NEAFCS in Arizona in September in hopes of bringing new ideas back to La. Published and distributed state affiliate newsletter, *The Aggregate*, to highlight member accomplishments and share program impacts. Resources to enhance program delivery and provide professional development opportunities were distributed to the membership.

Awards & Recognition:

This past year we had a several members win and place on the national level for NEAFCS awards.

Public Affairs:

The association is helping publicize the department name change. We have moved from FCS to NCH (Nutrition and Community Health).

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

To increase awareness of our organization and continue to increase membership

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

Cooperative Extension is maintaining its presence and our department is launching our new name. We do have trouble getting new members involved and buying into the vision that is the association. We are hopeful that we continue to receive funding from both the federal, state and our parish (county) levels to bring research based information to the public.

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

Getting new members and retaining members is always a concern for our state. Also, many of our members are registered dietitians and making sure our professional development opportunities and organization is something that can benefit from is important. Also, we have a wide range of ages of Agents in our organization so meeting everyone's needs is critical.