



# 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: Florida Date: 12/19/25  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Supported members in applying for national and state awards, resulting in multiple recognition for excellence in programming.
- Established the Florida Cooperative Extension Initiative 5: Improving Individual, Family and Community Health and a list of a high-quality, relevant and impactful Extension educational programs that will be updated and revised to ensure relevance and impact.
- Getting ready to officially pilot PEARS online reporting system to better report outcomes and impact
- Established focused action teams and priority programs to streamline efforts, align strategies, and better be able to capture cumulative outcomes and impacts—providing clear evidence of the value and reach of our work.
- NEAFCS: Distinguished Service Awards: Amy Mullins and Lisa Hamilton
- NEAFCS Continued Excellence Award: Beth Shephard
- Orange County, Florida Mayor Demings and Commissioners recognized UF/IFAS Extension's program on Rental Education for Limited Resource Families in Tri-County Community and the team was awarded with the 2025 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties. Team Members that led the program: Jenny Rodriguez, Giovanna Benitez, Cyndi Longley and Lisa Hamilton.
- FCS agents from Lake and Volusia taught programs at the UF/IFAS Honeybee Lab Bee College. FCS agents in Marion, Orange, and Seminole earned FEAFCF Program of Excellence Awards. FCS agents in Lake, Marion, Orange, Volusia, Seminole, and Flagler earned NEAFCS/FEAFCS awards. FCS agent in Osceola earned a FACCA award for an audio recording.
- Nelly Nelson received \$37,000 grant to do farm-to-school edible gardens.
- \$500,000 grant in Franklin County for historical cookbook. (Florida A&M University)
- Rebecca Mendes brought in over \$5,000 for a grant she received, food costs, and biometrics.
- Martha Maddox retired in May after working with Extension for 42 years.
- HUD FY24-25 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant: \$46,453 (Individual allocation: \$2,000)

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

- Update by-laws based on changes
- Work with NEAFCS to plan for the 2027 NEAFCS Conference that will be held in Florida
- Team Building & Engagement: Work together on priority programs and champion the work we do
- Visibility & Advocacy: Develop a unified marketing campaign highlighting FCS contributions
- Innovation: Explore new technologies and partnerships to expand program reach and effectiveness.

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

- Making sure we can show the impact of our work to stakeholders
- Lower enrollment in partner programs
- Mistrust of QR codes, surveys, government info and science
- Not necessarily University budgets but county budgets -lots of scrutiny on what they fund and FCS might not have as much clout as other programs do

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

Rising cost of conferences- I know NEAFCS has been doing all they can!