



# 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: New Mexico Date: 12/31/2023  
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**What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year?** (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

- Twelve members from the NM affiliate attended the 2023 NEAFCS Annual Session in Providence, Rhode Island.
- New Mexico is very proud that Rick Griffiths, San Juan County Extension FCS Agent, is serving as the President and Dianne Christensen, Bernalillo County Extension FCS Agent, is serving as the Western Region Director of the NEAFCS Executive Board.
- Kelly Knight, NM affiliate President, and Karen Plawecki, NM affiliate Vice President for Awards and Recognition served as voting delegates at the 2023 NEAFCS annual business Meeting.
- Two business meetings were held for the NM affiliate in 2023. Both were held via Zoom meeting.
- Kelly Knight, NM affiliate president, attended one NM Cooperative Extension Service Director's Advisory Board Meeting on behalf of the NM affiliate.
- NM affiliate officers for 2024 were elected electronically in December 2024. The list of NM affiliate officers and committee chairpersons has been submitted to the regional director and NEAFCS National Office.

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

- Recruitment of more members.
- Promote professional development opportunities for members including the NEAFCS Annual Session.
- Encourage members to actively engage in one or more affiliate committees.
- Encourage members to collaborate on FCS programs across counties to achieve statewide impact together.
- Provide support to Arizona Affiliate hosting NEAFCS Annual Session.
- Provide support to NEAFCS President (Rick Griffiths) and the President's Reception at the NEAFCS Annual Session.
- Conduct a fundraiser.
- Review and revise affiliate bylaws.

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

- Decline of memberships. The NM affiliate has seen a 29% reduction in members compared to membership in 2016.
- Retention of Extension Agents and Specialists.
- Recruitment of applicants for Extension Agent and Specialist positions.
- Operational budgets for County Extension Agents are low and have not been increased for many years.

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

- Costs of sending affiliate officers to attend JCEP and PILD.
- Keeping dues and Annual Session costs as low as possible for members. Due to limited operational budgets, often Extension Agents are not able to join as members nor attend Annual Session due to costs.
- Continue to work toward streamlining the budget for effective and efficient use of professional dollars, as well as making it possible for members who are not able to attend the Annual Sessions due to budget restraints to glean some of the information electronically.