



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: Washington Date: 12/22/2021
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

1. All WEAFCs members who submitted awards earned at least state and regional recognition for their award applications; 50% of current membership submitted awards. Members earned awards in the following categories: Communications Television/Video Award, Family Health & Wellness Award and Innovation in Programming Award.
2. Combined, members presented the following presentations (this list does not include members' local workshops and presentation): 1 International Presentation, 3 National Presentations, 8 Statewide Presentations and 2 Regional Presentations. 52 Food Safety in a Minute Podcasts were developed with 109 total episodes being aired and a 7-part podcast series was created for the Strengthening Families (SFP10-14) Program focusing on the pillars of positive parenting.
3. Our WEAFCs members produced the following publications: 2 Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (1 published, 1 submitted), 1 Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings (published), 1 Curriculum Translation, 3 4-H at Home STEM Food Science Activities (published).
4. Grants, Contracts and Fund Generation: Members applied for and received 7 total awards totaling \$509,896.

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

1. To be innovative and purposeful in our work to address needs, especially during the pandemic.
2. Continue to use science-based information to enhance our work and increase our capacity to serve and meet community needs.

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

1. Lack of leadership at the state level for FCS programming is problematic.
2. Diminishing number of FCS faculty throughout the state decreases our opportunity to meet the growing needs of our communities, which decreases both our reach and impact.

3. While we continue to have local, county support and funding, we face continued challenges to our consumer food safety program due to lack of federal and state funding to support infrastructure, research and education in this area.

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

1. We still have WEAFCFS Association members who do not receive communication from NEAFCS.
2. Locally, it is becoming more difficult to promote FCS work because it is truly not understood. Can NEAFCS help with FCS promotion, especially within the context of what we're facing right now nationwide? NEAFCS needs to be relevant to contemporary/real-world issues.
3. It would be helpful for NEAFCS to advocate consumer food safety programming to federal funding agencies, especially USDA, to renew support for food safety at the retail and consumer levels