



Affiliate Annual Report Form

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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.

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

In 2025, Michigan was very proud to host a successful NEAFCS Annual Conference which was the result of many hours of work by our tri-liaison Courtney Aldrich, as well as many staff who were committee leads, committee members and volunteers at the conference. We had 80% of our members working on a committee, with 9 members as committee chairs. We were also well represented offering concurrent sessions featuring many of our programs and highlighting the great work being done in Michigan every day. Both a challenge and an accomplishment was continuing this work amid retirements and the elimination of the SNAP-ed grant and staff, which was a loss of 14 of our 33 members.

Moving forward, an accomplishment we have set up is offering professional development utilizing the services of Extension Foundation to focus on moving forward and redefining/rebuilding our association.

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

Due to the timing of our election being delayed, our new Board has not met yet to set yearly goals. (Meeting is Jan.13)

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

One great challenge was having to replace all but two positions on our board for 2026 due to the SNAP Ed elimination which left us with a smaller membership pool. We are also still navigating the staff and program changes from the loss of SNAP-Ed funding.

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