



# 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: 01/07/2026  
Person Completing Form: Karim Martinez Phone: 575-646-2390

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

## State Awards

- Amber Benson and Michelle Stizza: Innovation in Programming Award for "Making a Living on 5 Acres or Less."
- Dianne Christensen (NMSU), Elizabeth Erck, Heather Murphy, Rebecca Betts, Nancy Mears, Trina Adler, Dawn Dunnegan, Janice Hermann, Tandy Rundus, Sharolyn Jackson, Sally Bowman, Ellen Radcliffe: Excellence in Multi-State Collaboration Award for "Collaborative Pathways: Sharing National Best Practices, Strategies, and Impacts for Walk with Ease"
- Karim Martinez, Philip Alden, Charlene Carr, Dianne Christensen, Esther Hernandez, Madeline Gurney, Tamara Schubert, Augusta Yazzie: Human Development/Family Relationships Award for "Implementing a Dibble Institute Program: Mind Matters- Overcoming Adversity and Building Resilience."
- Michelle Stizza, Crystal Garcia-Anaya, Patricia Largo, Madeline Gurney, and Phillip Alden: Florence Hall Award for "Green Chile Preservation."
- Erin Smith: Family Health & Wellness Award for "Strong Seniors Stay Young Exercise Program."

## Regional and National Awards

- (Regional 1st Place): Erin Smith: Family Health & Wellness Award for "Strong Seniors Stay Young Exercise Program."
- (Regional 1st Place) Amber Benson: Food Safety Award for "Fermentation for the Future."
- (Regional 1st Place) Amber Benson, Dianne Christensen, and Cindy Schlenker-Davies: Greenwood Frysinger Mentoring Award
- (Regional 3rd Place) Michelle Stizza, Crystal Garcia-Anaya, Patricia Largo, Madeline Gurney, Phillip Alden, and Amber Benson: Florence Hall Award for "Green Chile Preservation."
- (National 2nd Place) Amber Benson: Food Safety Award for "Fermentation for the Future."
- (National 1st Place) Amber Benson, Dianne Christensen, and Cindy Schlenker-Davies: Greenwood Frysinger Mentoring Award

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

- Align officer elections with revised bylaws.
- Review the budget section of the bylaws to determine if revisions are needed to add flexibility to funding amounts related to CES professional development funds for JCEP-ELA and PILD.
- Potentially identify strategies for strategic long-term financial growth of affiliate funds.

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

- Encouraging Extension FCS professionals to join our affiliate.
- Recruitment and retention of FCS professionals to Extension positions.

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