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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:        | Michigan   | Date:  | 1-7-25       |
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What accomplishments/progress has your Affiliate made in the past year? (Consider member resources, awards and recognition, public affairs, etc.)

As growth is one of our goals, it is important to note that over the past year we have had an increase of almost 18% in our membership. Additionally, we are proud to once again acknowledge and congratulate our award winners.

MEAFCS would like to acknowledge the contributions of Kara Lynch, Laurie Messing, Kellie Jordan, Holly Tiret, Christi Demitz, Dawn Contreras, Laura Anderson, Cheryl Eschbach, Georgina Guzman, Zelda Felix-Mottley, Nicole Pershing-Wethington, Abigail Cudney, Sheilah Hebert Anita Carter, Kai Gritter, Liz Williams, Lisa Tams, Andrea Aguilar-Corrales, Naomi Hyso, Miloni Rathod, Danielle Dalimonte-Merckling, Becky McKendry, Tanner Derror, Jacqueline Rabine, Kristina Swartzendruber, Dr. Robin Tucker, and Christopher Drake.

With a special thank you to our board and to Courtney Aldrich our Past President and one on conference Tri-Liaisons. Thank you for everything you have done for us.

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

Our main goals are to increase membership and participation as well as prepare for the 2025 national conference that will be held in Grand Rapids, MI.

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

The challenges that Extension faces in Michigan are similar to those facing Extension across the county. Though there will always be financial and personnel challenges and an uncertain future, dedicated faculty and staff will continue to improve people's lives through education. Making a positive difference in our communities is paramount for all members of NEAFCS.

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

Overall concerns with NEAFCS are few. Because of the increase to dues ensuring members get as much out of NEAFCS membership as possible is a priority and further efforts to highlight the benefits of membership are important to affiliate success.