



Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) is a voluntary, grassroots agricultural industry group focused on the expansion and improvement of Agricultural Education programs at all levels. ILCAE is primarily an advocacy group focused on legislation that established the Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) and the Agricultural Education line item in the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) budget. **Chair: Doug Hanson**



Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) is a 13-member committee established by legislation and appointed by the Governor to advise both the governor and state education agency concerning Agricultural Education K-adult. **Chair: Amy Leman**



Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is the state agency responsible for preK-12 education, including career and technical education. The principal consultant serves in a supervisory, administrative capacity related to program approval, funding and regulatory requirements. **Ag Consultant: Dr. Erica Thieman**



Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) is supported with funds from an identified Agricultural Education line item within the ISBE budget. Project staff includes a coordinator and five district professional staff charged with improving education in and about agriculture, prekindergarten through adult levels. **Coordinator: Dean Dittmar | Program Advisors: Jay Solomonson, Luke Allen, Jennifer Waters, Megan Coy, Casey Bolin**



Illinois Agriculture In The Classroom (AITC) program combines the efforts of the Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE), University of Illinois Extension, Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Illinois Agricultural Commodity organizations, various agribusinesses, and others in providing agricultural literacy for students at levels K-8. **Education Director: Kevin Daugherty**



University Council consists of the Agricultural Teacher Education faculty from the four state universities offering teacher education programs in agriculture, ISBE, FCAE Coordinator and Program Advisors, FFA, and IAVAT. The primary focus of this group is to maintain consistent, high quality pre-service agricultural education programs and to identify research priorities. **Dr. Lucas Maxwell (ISU), Dr. Seb Pense, Dr. Howard Heavner, Dr. Steven Still (SIUC), Dr. Debra Korte, Gary Ochs (UIUC), Dr. Andrew Baker (WIU)**





Illinois Foundation FFA is a foundation established to receive and disburse funds to support quality Agricultural Education/FFA programs. **Chair: Joe Webel, Director: Mindy Bunselmeyer and Treasurer: John Edgar**

Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) is a professional organization for agricultural education teachers at all levels. **President: Jessica Collins, Director: John Edgar and Associate Director: Mindy Bunselmeyer**

Illinois Association of Community College Agriculture Instructors (IACCAI) is a professional organization for postsecondary agricultural education teachers at all levels. **President: Jeff Landers and Director: John Edgar**

Illinois FFA Alumni Association supports and promotes the FFA organization and its activities and agricultural education at every level. The focus of the association is the local chapter affiliate. **President: Steve Yandell and Director: Mindy Bunselmeyer**

Illinois Association FFA is a career and technical student organization for students enrolled in Agricultural Education programs at the junior high, senior high, and collegiate levels. This organization promotes premier leadership, personal growth, and career success for all agricultural education student members. **President: Gage Miller, Executive Secretary: Mindy Bunselmeyer and Associate Executive Secretary: John Edgar**

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) advocates for Illinois' agricultural industry and provides the necessary regulatory functions to benefit consumers, the agriculture industry and our natural resources. The agency also promotes agribusiness in Illinois and throughout the world. **Director: John Sullivan**

Illinois Professional Agricultural Student (PAS) organization is a career and technical student organization for students enrolled in agricultural programs at the postsecondary level. PAS provides students with professional development opportunities, helping students get an edge in today's job market. **President: Gwen Heimerdinger, Director: John Edgar and Assistant Director: Mindy Bunselmeyer**

Illinois Farm Bureau is a grassroots, statewide organization dedicated to enhancing the people, progress and pride of Illinois and its farming community. **President: Richard Guebert Jr.**

