**Alphabet Soup**

**AAAE** – American Association of Agricultural Education

**ACTE** – Association of Career and Technical Educators

**ADC** – Alumni Development Conference

**AET** – Agricultural Experience Tracker

**AFNR** – Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

**APLU** – Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities

**BUILD** – Being United in Leadership Development (Leadership Conference for Junior/Senior FFA members)

**CAERT** – Center for Agricultural and Environmental Research and Training

**CASE** - Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education

**CDE** – Career Development Event

**CPDU** – Continuing Professional Development Unit (recorded on ELIS through ISBE to maintain teacher certification)

**EFE** – Education For Employment

**ELIS** – Educator Licensure Information System (program through ISBE to track CPDUs and certification)  
**FCAE** – Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education

**FCCLA** – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

**FFA** – The National FFA Organization (formerly known as the “Future Farmers of America”)

**GAST** – Growing Agriculture Science Teachers (ISBE grant program)

**IAA** – Illinois Agriculture Association  
**IACCAI** – Illinois Association of Community College Agriculture Instructors

**IAVAT** – Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers

**IACTE** – Illinois Association of Career and Technical Education

**IAITC** – Illinois Ag In the Classroom  
**ICAE** – Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education  
**ICCCTSO** – Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations

**IDOA** – Illinois Department of Agriculture

**IFB** – Illinois Farm Bureau

**IFG** – Incentive Funding Grant

**ILCAE** - Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education

**ILSSO** – International Leadership Seminar for State Officers  
**ISBE** – Illinois State Board of Education

**ISU** –Illinois State University

**ITCS** – Information Technology and Communication Services (provides instructional materials - U of I)

**IWAS** – ISBE Web Application Security (online system used to complete the IFG Budget)

**LDE** – Leadership Development Event

**LTS** – Leadership Training School  
**NAAE** – National Association of Agricultural Educators  
**NASAE** – National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education

**NCA** – National Chapter Award  
**NLCSO** – National Leadership Conference for State Officers  
**OD** – Official Dress

**PAS** – Professional Agriculture Student Organization (formerly known as “Post-secondary Agriculture Students” Organization)

**SAE** - Supervised Agricultural Experience program

**SIU** – Southern Illinois University

**SOS** – State Officer Summit (also called “DC Summit”, formerly the SPC – State President Conference, held in Washington DC)

**STEM** – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education

**Team Ag Ed** – National Council for Agricultural Education

**The “Council”** – The National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE)

**U of I** – University of Illinois

**U of I College of “ACES” –** Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

**U of I “ALEC” –** Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture  
**USDE** – United States Department of Education

**WLC** – Washington Leadership Conference   
**WIU** – Western Illinois University

**YEA** – Youth Education in Agriculture

**212 Conference** – Student Development Conference for Freshman/Sophomore FFA members