



Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) is a volunteer, 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 strengthening Illinois Agricultural Education and the agricultural industry through such accomplishments like the legislation that established the Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) and the Agricultural Education line item within the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) budget. **Chair, Allyn Buhrow**

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, Dr. 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. **AFNR Consultant, Andrew Klein**

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) is supported with funds from the 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 and related agricultural industries, pre-kindergarten through adult levels. **Coordinator, Dean Dittmar; Program Advisors, John Heiser, 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 preK-8. **Education Director, Kevin Daugherty**

University Council consists of the Agricultural Teacher Education faculty from the five 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, Dr. Jay Solomonson (ISU); Dr. Seb Pense, Dr. Howard Heavner, Dr. Steven Still (SIUC); Dr. Amy Leman, Gary Ochs (UIUC); Dr. Andrew Baker (WIU); Dr. Penny Haase Wittler (IC)**





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; Treasurer, John Edgar**



Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) is a professional organization for agricultural education teachers at all levels. **President, Ann Piotrowski; Director, John Edgar; 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, Brian Clement; 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; 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, Alexis Mueller; Executive Secretary, Mindy Bunselmeyer; 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, Jerry Costello II**



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; 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.**

