

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE
JANUARY, 2021, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 2 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – 0 *Virtual

Mascoutah, *Triad at St. Jacob

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 26

- *Ag Ed State Staff Meetings(4)
- *Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) Meeting(2)
- *St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development
- *University Council Meeting
- *State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program Meeting
- *Illinois Farm Bureau Legislative Roundtable
- *FFA and IAVAT Joint Board Meeting
- *IAVAT Section Chairs Meeting
- *ROE Meeting with Donna Kaufman
- *Hummert International Industry Partnership Networking with FCAE Staff
- *GROWMARK Industry Partnership Meeting
- Section 22 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Mascoutah
- *Administrative Council Meeting
- *Educational Systems AFNR Program of Study Advisory Council Meeting(3)
- *IAVAT Legislative Committee Meeting
- *ROE Professional Development for FCAE Staff
- *ISBE/FCAE Goal and Purpose Review Meeting with Andrew Klein
- *Agriculture Course Matrix Meeting with John Heiser and Andrew Klein
- *Illinois Agri-Food Alliance Working Group Meeting
- *IAVAT Board Meeting
- *FFA Board Meeting

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 22

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 15

Prepared and Submitted FCAE Second Quarter Grant Periodic Report for FY20 and FY21
Continued to Update Data and Text for the 2020 Ag Education Annual Report
Prepared Agenda for State Ag Ed Staff Meetings
Reviewed Monthly Reports and Progress of Cutting Edge Curriculum with the Agribusiness Library Revision
Converted Gordon Bidner Videos to YouTube and Uploaded Several ILCAE Historical Documents to Website
Licensure Updates Meeting with Jennifer Waters
Prep for February ILCAE Meeting
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests
ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT/CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls
Assisted Susie Scott and Julie McCleary with Tasks
Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects
Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports and Travel Reports
Prepared for Presentations and Meetings
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls
Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

The Illinois Agri Food Alliance Team is making progress to develop tools and resources to promote ag careers with urban students short term with long term sustainable projects. Establishing partnership virtual meetings with agribusinesses will assist FCAE in updating curriculum with the latest technology and industry expectations with their future employees. **Glad to see additional courses added to the AFNR course matrix.** First extensive changes since the early 1990's. New courses will be appealing to urban students and schools.