

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - Statewide  
MARCH, 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

**I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1    COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0**

**SCHOOLS** – Triad at St. Jacob

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 5    PARTICIPANTS – 56**

TeachAg Presentations to High School Students, Proficiency Award Judging, Mt. Vernon(5)

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 20**

Advocacy Training with FFA Members, Springfield  
Ag Legislative Breakfast and Ag Legislative Day, State Capital, Springfield  
Presented ILCAE Award Plaques to Representatives and Senators, Springfield  
Ag Ed State Staff Meeting Conference Calls(2)  
FCAE Staff Meeting Conference Calls(2)  
IAVAT Legislative Committee Meeting Conference Calls(2)  
Illinois mAGic Kit Curriculum Revision Meeting with Writers, Bloomington  
IL Workforce Partnership Job Center #7 Meeting with Greg Martinez, Mike Massie, Luke Allen, Chicago  
Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Meeting, Hyatt McCormick Place, Botanical Gardens, Chicago  
ICAE Meeting, Springfield  
ILCAE Meeting, Mahomet  
FFA Board Meeting Conference Call  
ROE Leadership Team Conference Call  
FY19 CTE Funding Meeting Conference Call with Marci Johnson, ISBE  
Ag Ed State Staff Chat Conversation with Ag Teachers Conference Call  
IAVAT Board Conference Call  
Minnesota AFNR/CTE State Staff Conference Call Discussion on our IL State FCAE Structure

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – 1610**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 14**

Networked with Ag Teachers and Stakeholders, District 5 Proficiency Award Judging, Mt. Vernon  
Reviewed and Awarded FFA Exchange Grant Applications  
Reviewed Agriculture Curriculum on State and Vendor Websites  
Prepared Agriculture Curriculum Plan for ICAE Meeting  
Reviewed Proposals for FY19 CTE Grant Funding  
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests  
Wrote and Sent Encouraging Postcards to Students Interested in a Career in Teaching Ag  
ILCAE, IAVAT, ICAE, 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**

Ag Legislative Day was very successful. **Legislators were very supportive of FFA member skills especially from new Ag Director, Jerry Costello, and House Ag Committee Chair, Sonya Harper.** COVID-19 has changed our day to day operations for sure. **Online, remote learning is here.**