

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - - STATEWIDE  
JULY, 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

**I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 0**

**COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – 0**

**\*Virtual**

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – PARTICIPANTS –**

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 21**

State Staff Meeting and FCAE Retreat, Springfield(2 days)  
Social Dinner Meeting with Major State FFA Officers, Springfield  
\*Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meetings(3)  
\*State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program Meeting  
\*Planning Meetings with UIUC Staff for Graduate Level Courses(3)  
\*Experienced (Second Year) Ag Teachers Conference and Ag Ed 498 Course(2 days)  
\*Beginning (First Year) Ag Teachers Conference and Ag Ed 496 Course(2 days)  
Evaluation and Mentoring Meeting with Casey Bolin, Patoka  
Ag Ed State Staff Meeting, CEC Board Meeting, and CAERT Training, Springfield  
\*ILCAE Meeting  
\*ICAE Meeting  
\*AFNR Course Matrix Development Meeting  
\*IAVAT Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting  
\*IAVAT ICAE Advisory Committee Meeting  
FFA & IAVAT Joint Board Meeting, Springfield  
IAVAT Board Meeting, Springfield  
IAVAT Section Chairs Meeting, Springfield

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – 492**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 17**

ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls  
Assisted Susie Scott with FY20 FCAE Budgets  
Assisted Schools and Teachers with Three Circle FFA and SAE Grant  
Assisted in the Review and Guidance of the Development of New Website – ILAGEd.org  
Prepared Evaluation for Casey Bolin  
Developed Common IAVAT Section Meeting Agenda  
Finalized ILCAE July Meeting Minutes, Sent to Members, and Uploaded to the Website  
Reviewed USDA Grant Application  
Updated Numerous Data Summary Google Docs  
Created and Submitted FY20 FCAE Budget Amendment  
Reviewed and Revised Proposed ISBE AFNR Course Matrix and Submitted to Erica Thieman  
Ordered John Heiser Business Cards and Submitted Changes for New State Staff Contact Map  
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**

**Mentoring and guiding first(32) and second(27) year agriculture teachers over the summer before school starts is very important and valuable.** Providing this professional development virtually for the first time was a challenge though we saved a considerable amount of funding and travel time by staff and teachers. Very happy to make revisions to the new AFNR Approvable Course Matrix with hopes that a final version makes it to teachers soon. **COVID-19 continues to be on everyone's mind. The start of the school year will be very different and challenging.**