

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools	(0) Community College	(0) AITC Coalition
Gardner-South Wilmington		Marengo
Hinckley-Big Rock		Newark
Indian Creek		Seneca
Iroquois West		

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 0 Participants – 0

- none

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- Gardner-South Wilmington Assistance, FCAE Office, Joliet
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Section 10 IAVAT Meeting, Clifton Central HS, Clifton
- District 2 Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting, District 2 FCAE Office, Joliet
- TREES Lunch meeting with Don Smoot, Joliet
- Pontiac Advisory Committee meeting startup, Pontiac HS, Pontiac

Other Activities

- Set up and transitioned to new laptop, restored old laptop from crash
- Attended Will County Fair, helped with Ag Literacy Tent
- Closed out FY09 paperwork, archived old files by year
- Began training new office assistant
- Continued discussions/planning startups with District 300 and Woodstock.
- Updated the teacher candidate/vacancy pages on the agriculturaleducation.org website.
- Reviewed and made entries in the teacher and program database website.
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1044

Commentary

I'm very appreciative of the Illinois legislature and the ISBE for funding the Agricultural Education line item again this year. Our relatively small budget has a tremendous impact on students and I continue to encourage the people that I work with to inform people about the great achievements that their students have made as a result of agricultural education. That being said, our District 2 AITC Coalition meeting went well and each county has some great goals for reaching new students. Interest by new high schools continues to increase as we explore new and creative ways to offer agricultural education opportunities to students in the suburbs.