

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

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

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0**

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 24**

- \*Ag Ed State Staff Meeting
- \*FCAE Staff Meetings(2)
- \*Mentoring and Evaluation Meeting with Megan Coy
- \*Illinois Agri-Food Alliance Working Group Meeting
- \*Lesson Study Meeting with Amy Leman
- \*State AFNR Curriculum State Subscription Meeting with Andrew Klein and Marci Johnson of ISBE
- \*Ag In The Classroom State Coordinator Meeting
- \*IAVAT Legislative Committee Meeting
- \*AFNR Related Topics Meeting with Mike Massie
- \*ICAE Meeting
- \*Website Maintenance Meeting with Luke Allen
- \*St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development
- \*State AFNR Curriculum on [www.myCAERT.com](http://www.myCAERT.com) Negotiations Meetings with Cutting Edge Curriculum Board Members(2)
- \*Jr. MANRRS Mini Grant Meetings with Individual School Adult Sponsors
- \*ROE Insurance Meeting
- Mentoring and Evaluation Meeting with Luke Allen, Wheaton
- \*Exploration of Ag Teacher Degree Major at the University of Illinois – Chicago with Anna Ball
- \*ISBE/FCAE Working Meetings with Andrew Klein(2)
- \*FFA Board Meeting
- \*Illinois FFA Convention

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 649**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 16**

Assisted Teachers with IFGA and Three Circle Grants Questions  
Posted District 5 Ag Teacher Vacancies to the Website and Listserv  
Ag Teacher Supply and Demand Interview with Stu Ellis, Champaign  
ROE Diversity Professional Development, Champaign  
Prepared Agenda for State Ag Ed Staff and FCAE Meetings  
Reviewed Monthly Reports and Progress of Cutting Edge Curriculum with the Agribusiness Library Revision  
Reviewed IL Ag Food Alliance Educator Survey and Made Suggestions  
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 Report

**VI. COMMENTARY**

Advisory council meeting at SIU at Carbondale was very productive in reviewing their degree program, future student teachers, and research for the Three Circle FFA and SAE grant. Great to meet with Roger Hanagriff, AET, to work through our school student enrollments now to be proactive vs. reactive.