

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (3) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Marengo HS
Normal West HS
Peotone HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 1 Participants – 143

- Parkside Jr. High Ag Careers Expo – Interstate Center, Bloomington – 143

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 5

- Pontiac Township/FCAE SPECA Grant Meeting - Pontiac HS, Pontiac
- TREES P&CC Meeting – Silver Spoon Restaurant, Joliet
- Section 7 Public Speaking CDE – Seneca HS, Seneca
- FCAE Staff Meeting – District 4 FCAE Office, Decatur
- Pontiac Township/FCAE SPECA Grant Meeting – Pontiac HS, Pontiac

Other Activities

- Researched and developed plan for Pontiac HS/FCAE SPECA grant proposal
- Develop startup materials for Faith Lutheran HS Ag Program
- Prepared packets for section IAVAT Winter meetings.
- Update IACCAI Database User Guide
- Setup ILCAE Webconference
- Reviewed and processed amended IFGA budgets.
- 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 - 960

Commentary

Given the worsening budget situation, both locally and statewide, I remain hopeful that our state leaders will work diligently to solve the cashflow problems facing our state. That being said, there are a few schools in the district that still plan to begin new programs next year; I look forward to working in the future with some creative suburban administrators who see Agricultural Education as a way to enhance their current curriculum. As I have begun researching and preparing the grant application for the USDA SPECA grant with Pontiac Township High School I am excited about the proposed project. We plan to further develop the Renewable Energy course outline and curriculum as well as create a Guidance Counselor Training mini-workshop to help counselors understand the career opportunities that exist in the renewable and alternative energy industries.