

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (15) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition		
Alwood HS		LaMoille HS
Amboy HS		Mendota HS
Annawan HS		Oregon HS
Ashton-Franklin Center HS		Orion HS
Bureau Valley HS		PawPaw HS
Byron HS		Polo HS
Eastland HS		Prophetstown HS
		Sherrard HS

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

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – __

- FCAE Staff Meeting – District 4 FCAE Office, Decatur

Other Activities

- Prepared packets for section IAVAT Winter meetings.
- Finalized tour information for NIU/China Course on IL Ag Education
- 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 - 1459

Commentary

This month I had the wonderful opportunity to begin visiting the District 1 schools that I now serve. I am always impressed with the wonderful teachers that we have across the state. I observed student SAEs on Natural Resource Management, classroom research with biodiesel refining, agronomic research on school land labs, and many other high-skill applications of science. Of course the state budget remains a concern for most teachers, but I get the feeling that schools are now somewhat stable in their budgets and are now operating with much more certainty about their financial future than they were at this time last year. Many have begun operating with local funds only and plan to use any state reimbursements solely for discretionary funding. I don't expect to see many of our agriculture programs close next year, based on what I am hearing from the field. Most administrators value what the agriculture program offers to their students and community.