

**Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education**  
**Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor**  
**December 2015 Report**

**On-Site Assistance – (12) High Schools (0) Community College (2) AITC Coalition**

Cook County AITC (2)	Oswego HS
Elgin HS Startup	Peotone HS
John Marshall HS (2)	Tech Center of DuPage HS
Kankakee AITC	Tremont HS
Momence/River Valley HS	WILCO HS
Naperville Central HS	

**Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 2 Participants – 260**

- Parkside Middle School Ag Careers Presentation – Normal – 150
- Ag Careers Presentations – Waubonsie Valley HS, Aurora – 110

**Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 7**

- Governor’s Council on Rural Affairs, Illinois Dep’t of Ag, Springfield
- Chatham Academy, Chicago (Incorporating Ag into Science)
- IL Board of Higher Ed Commission on Workforce Education, UI Labs, Chicago
- IL AgEd Plan workday, IL FFA Center, Springfield
- FCAE Staff Meeting, Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- ISU AgEd Student Teacher meeting, Avantis Normal
- Illinois Team Ag Education Meeting, Illinois FFA Center, Springfield

**Other Activities**

- Prepared for hosting State Vet & Food Science CDEs
- Developed changes to the IL Ag Education Plan with Dean Dittmar and Doug Hanson
- 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 & phone correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

**Miles Traveled - 648**

**Commentary**

Updates to the Illinois Ag Education Plan are going well, but significant change will require all of Illinois Team Ag Education to create a vision for the future to be adopted with Phase 2 of changes. I was able to visit with many of my programs, many of which are new teachers, and it seems like their year is going somewhat smoothly. For as many provisionally licensed teachers as we have I am impressed with how well they are asking for help from nearby Ag teachers; it has been a common message I have stressed at Section meetings and school visits to reach out and help newer teachers. I also plan to put together a “thank my teacher” project with my student worker for 212 Conference to mail thank-yous to Ag teachers during FFA week.