

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - 1  
APRIL 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR JAY SOLOMONSON**

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

**SCHOOLS – N/A**

**COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – N/A**

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 1      PARTICIPANTS – 7**

Agricultural Education in Illinois: Virtual Workshop for the Highland Community College AGRI  
190 Introduction to Agricultural Education Course- 7 participants

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 13**

FCAE Staff/ State Staff Meeting Virtual Meetings X4  
FCAE STAY Professional Development Virtual Workshop with Rachel Hawk, Farm Credit  
Agricultural Education Virtual Research Meetings X3  
ISBE/FCAE Meeting Conference Call  
District 1 Ag in the Classroom Virtual Meeting  
Illinois State University Graduate Credit Virtual Meeting  
Section 3 IAVAT Virtual Meeting  
Section 1 IAVAT Virtual Meeting

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 0 Miles**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 21**

Compiled & Created Online Resources for Agriculture Teachers  
Followed up with District 1 Schools on Unused Grant Funds  
Worked on Community College Database Data Collection  
Participated in a NAAE Online Professional Development Workshop- Understanding Bias  
Ag Ed State Staff Chats X4  
Illinois Agricultural Education Facebook Live Career Corner X4  
Developed New Agriculture Course Outlines  
Wrote an Article for the Agricultural Education Magazine  
Assisted Students and Judges with Practicing Virtual Video Meetings for Proficiencies  
Assisted as Room Host with Illinois State FFA Virtual STAR and Proficiency Interviews  
Followed up with District 1 Teachers on Missing Website Data and Incorrect CIP Codes  
Followed up on District 1 Teacher Vacancies  
Cleaned Office and Packed Office Items  
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/ Made and Returned Phone Calls  
Completed Monthly Reports

**VI. COMMENTARY**

This was the first full month working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While I feel I accomplished a lot (in my home office), I miss visiting my high school agricultural education programs and assisting my teachers face-to-face. I am still hopeful we can start to travel again in June, but right now it doesn't look promising. On a positive note, I have been extremely impressed with the dedication and ingenuity of the Agriculture Teachers in our state. I do feel there will be some positives from this experience that I hope continue once we are back to our normal lives.