

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - 1
JULY 2019, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR JAY SOLOMONSON**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0

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II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 1

PARTICIPANTS – 37

Beginning Ag Teachers Conference, Springfield

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 6

Section 2 Ag Teachers Meeting, Rochelle

Onboarding Meeting with Dean, Moline

Onboarding Meeting with Erica and Dean at ISBE, Springfield

State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program Conference Call

Bureau Valley School District- Improving Ag Ed Grant Conference Call

Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Agricultural Business Foundations (ABF)

BriefCASE Institute, Pontiac

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 1401

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 6

Unpacked and Set Up Office at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau, Moline

Assisted Schools in Posting Teacher Vacancies and Finding Quality Candidates

Assisted Ag Teachers and Administrators with Three Circles Grant Questions

Prepared for Presentations, Workshops, and Meetings

Wrote and Sent Email Messages/ Made and Returned Phone Calls

Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

I joined the FCAE team on July 22nd and I am ecstatic about being a part of the Illinois Agricultural Education State Staff. My first week was spent moving the office from Morrison to Moline, completing inventory, and organizing the new office. Also, the first week I had the opportunity to spend a couple of days onboarding with Dean and Erica. They both have been extremely helpful as I transition into this new position. Additionally, I really enjoyed being able to participate in the CASE ABF institute with agriculture teachers across the state. Hopefully I will be able to share what I learned at this conference with teachers in my district

This final week of July has been challenging as we found out that Mr. Ed Curry, River Ridge agriculture teacher, passed away due to an accident. Personally, I have known Mr. Curry for about 15 years and I was in shock of his passing. What amazes me is how the agricultural education community comes together in the face of tragedy. The love and support shown to Mr. Curry's family, community, and program have been truly amazing this past week. We are a family in Agricultural Education and that is something I love about this profession.