

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

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 9 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 5

SCHOOLS – Abington-Avon at Abington; Annawan; Black Hawk East College at Galva; Dakota; Geneseo; Orion; Pecatonica; Putnam County at Granville; Stark County at Toulon

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – Bureau; Knox; Marshall-Putnam; Mercer; Stephenson

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

N/A

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 9

FCAE Staff/ State Staff Conference Call X5

Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Student Branch Sub-Committee Conference Call

Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) Meeting, Springfield

Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT) Legislative Committee Conference Call

Agricultural Education Research Planning Meeting with Dr. Steven Still- Conference Call

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 1188

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 13

District 1 Proficiency Interviews and STAR Judging, Geneseo

Orion FFA Officer Selection Event, Orion

Assisted Teachers with Agriculture Incentive Funding and 3-Circles Grants Questions

Land-Use Council 2 Envirothon, Galva

Black Hawk East Welding Contest, Kewanee

Compiled Online Resources for Agriculture Teachers

Developed Agriculture Course Outlines

Followed up with District 1 Teachers on Missing Website Data and Course Numbers

Followed up on District 1 Teacher Vacancies

Prepared for Meetings, Presentations, Workshops, and District Events

Cleaned Office and Filing of Paperwork

Wrote and Sent Email Messages/ Made and Returned Phone Calls

Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

This month has been one of the most challenging in my professional career. The COVID-19 pandemic has essentially put a pause on all activities/travel which is a huge part of this position. I am learning to adapt and have been working with many of my teachers in a virtual environment. I was lucky to finish all of my Ag in the Classroom visits (one of my goals this month) prior to the “Stay-at-Home” mandate by the Governor. Hopefully we will get to return to some type of normalcy soon.