

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (11) High Schools (0) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Chicago Ag Sciences HS
Chicago Vocational HS
Cook Co. AITC
Elgin U-46
Glenbrook South HS

John Marshall HS
Lincoln Way Central HS
Oswego HS
Peotone HS (2x)
WILCO

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants – 99

- EFE 60 CTE Director Meeting – Ag Careers & Resources – Prairie State College – 12
- Ag Careers Presentation – Joliet West HS, Joliet – 75
- Ag Careers & Program Startup Pitch – St. Charles North HS -- 12

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 7

- IL AITC Coordinator Regional Meeting – DeKalb Farm Bureau, Sycamore
- Section 10 IAVAT Winter Meeting – Central HS, Clifton
- IL AgEd Plan Revision – IAA Headquarters, Bloomington
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Wagner Farm Ag Program Startup Planning – Wagner Farm, Glenview
- Illinois PAS Spring Conference – Lincoln Land CC, Springfield
- Brew-N-Grow (Donations for Ag programs), Crystal Lake

Other Activities

- Prepared to host District 2 Ag Science Fair
- Prepared to host Illinois FFA Vet & Food Science CDEs
- Completed several tasks related to Illinois Ag Education Plan revision process.
- 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 - 1306

Commentary

Illinois Ag Education plan revisions are almost complete and we are very happy with the progress. Both Elgin and WILCO are on track to get programs started in the coming school year, and I communicate often with our first year teachers. I continue working to build interest among school administrators without Ag programs to start AgEd courses but our demand for Ag teachers prevents me from pushing to start new programs- I plan to identify schools interested in offering online AgEd as an alternative. Interest in the Ag Science Fair is high and I work with students any time I visit schools to build student interest in both Science Fair and Ag Education.