

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE  
FEBRUARY, 2021, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

**I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 4 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – 0 \*Virtual**

\*Columbia, Okawville, Richland Community College, \*Triad at St. Jacob

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0**

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 26**

\*Ag Ed State Staff Meetings(3)  
\*St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development  
\*National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE) Eastern Region Meeting  
\*Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) Meeting  
\*Illinois AITC Coordinator Regional Meeting  
\*Illinois Agri-Food Alliance Working Group Meetings(2)  
\*IAVAT Advocacy Committee Meeting  
\*IAVAT Board Meeting  
\*FCAE Staff Meeting to Review Goals for Ag Ed State Rules  
\*FCAE Meeting with ILCAE Chair and FCAE Staff to Plan ILCAE Meeting  
\*UIUC Graduate Course Meeting with Amy Leman  
\*AET State Subscription Meeting with ISBE and FFA Center Staff  
\*ISBE/FCAE Working Meetings with Andrew Klein(2)  
\*New Ag Course Outline Review Meetings with FCAE Staff(3)  
\*Educational Systems AFNR Program of Study Advisory Council Meeting(2)  
\*ROE #9 Professional Development for FCAE Staff  
\*ISBE/FCAE Goal and Purpose Review Meetings with Andrew Klein(2)  
\*FFA Board Meeting

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 440**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 21**

\*RFD Radio Interview with Rita Frazier  
Interview with Stu Ellis, Decatur  
\*Ag Teacher Shortage Interview with Sarah Michaels  
\*Prep with Earl Russell for Historical Video of the Early 1990's  
Continued to Update Data and Text for the 2020 Ag Education Annual Report  
Prepared and Submitted FCAE Grant Amendment to Include AET State Contract Subscription  
Prepared and Submitted FCAE Grant Mid-Year Report  
Prepared Agenda for State Ag Ed Staff Meetings  
Reviewed Monthly Reports and Progress of Cutting Edge Curriculum with the Agribusiness Library Revision  
Prepared MANRRS Start-up Grant and Sent to Schools to Complete and Submit  
Judged Students for PAS Interviewing Competitions  
Prepared Data for Susan Moore for IAA First Year Teacher Grant  
Recycled FCAE Electronics and Had Laptop Repaired, O'Fallon  
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests  
ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT/CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls  
Assisted Susie Scott and Julie McCleary with Tasks  
Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects  
Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports and Travel Reports  
Prepared for Presentations and Meetings  
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls  
Completed Monthly Reports

**VI. COMMENTARY**

**Completing and promoting the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences grant to establish Jr. MANRRS chapters is very exciting to expand opportunities to students that were not previously aware of AFNR career opportunities. 2020 Illinois AFNR Report is complete which is a great marketing tool to showcase AFNR education. ILCAE meeting allowed for breakout groups to engage in detailed discussions.**