

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (2) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Gardner-South Wilmington HS
Sycamore HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants –292

- IL FFA Convention Administrator Workshop, Springfield, 25
- Kane County Summer Ag Institute, St. Charles, 27
- Stevenson County Summer Ag Institute, Freeport, 30
- Make-N-Take Presentation, National AITC Conference, St. Louis MO, 210

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – ___

- IL FFA Convention – Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield
- District 2 Leadership Team Meeting – Wings, ETC., Springfield
- IAVAT Conference – Northfield Inn, Springfield

Other Activities

- Create and maintain Ag Ed Curriculum Survey
- Organize WIU Ag Ed 520, Ag Mechanics course
- Prepare summary of IACCAI Database for annual report
- Prepared SAI Materials
- Begin training new District 2 Ag Ed Intern Angela Hiller
- 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 and phone correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1756

Commentary

This year we are doing very well with filling positions. By the end of the month we have filled all District 2 vacancies! The Administrator workshop at the IL FFA Convention seemed to go well and received positive feedback. As the state budget tightens, funding will become harder to get; I hope all who support Agriculture Education contact their elected officials, it will require a lot of work by our grass roots to maintain our funding for the programs that have made us one of the best states for Agriculture Education. As I visited with GAST interns at FFA Convention there seems to be a lot of interest by students in Ag Education; I hope this translates to increased numbers of students enrolling in the major. I am hoping that over the summer I will be able to focus on getting Alumni members more involved at the district level to help neighboring schools start chapters.