

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools (2) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Chicago HS for Ag Sciences	Illinois Valley CC
Cook County AITC	Joliet Jr. College
Donovan HS	LeRoy HS
East Aurora HS	Momence HS
Grundy Area Vocational Center HS	Prairie Central HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 7 Participants – 472

- South Suburban EFE meeting – South Suburban College, Oak Forest – 22
- Kane County Teacher Institute – Kane County Farm Bureau, St. Charles – 26
- Ag Careers & Leadership – Leyden East HS @ Windy City Greens, Chicago – 17
- Ag Ed grants (3 circles) – McLean, Livingston, Logan ROE, Bloomington – 29
- Ag Careers – Will Co AITC Expo, JJC Weitendorf Center, Joliet – 350
- Ag Ed student teachers – ISU, Normal – 8
- Ag Careers – DuPage Co AITC @ DuPage Extension office, Naperville – 20

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 3

- Community College internship & professional development – CRESCO Labs, Joliet
- ILCAE & ICAE Meeting – Central Illinois Ag, Atlanta IL
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield

Other Activities

- Prepared for and hosted Illinois FFA State Vet Science CDE
- Prepared for and hosted Illinois FFA State Food Science CDE
- Prepared for and hosted District 2 Invitational AgriScience Fair
- 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 - 1365

Commentary

I still have schools posting vacancies as the teachers move around, and it appears we are going to be challenged to fill all of our vacancies. Interest in Ag Education in the Chicago region remains strong in the suburbs, and I can't accommodate all of the requests for assistance to plan new Ag programs. The participation was an all time high in the State Food and Vet Science CDEs this year, and we had an all time high participation in district science fair also. I'm very excited for the rollout of The Council's new SAE guidelines and I hope our National and State FFA boards are discussing implementation.