Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor November 2012 Report

On-Site Assistance – (8) High Schools

(0) Community College

(0) AITC Coalition

Chicago Ag Science HS
Chicago Vocational Academy HS
DeKalb HS
Hinckley-Big Rock HS

Lane Tech HS
Lincoln-Way East HS
Peotone HS
Riverside-Brookfield HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 1 Participants – 7

Earlville School Board Meeting Ag Program Startup – Earlville HS, Earlville – 7

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- Cook Co. AITC Ag Leadership Academy, Cook County Farm Bureau, Countryside
- FCAE Staff Meeting Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Cook County Farm Bureau Annual Banquet, Orland Park
- ILCAE Fall Meeting & PAS Conference Judging, Spoon River College, Canton
- Elite Conference, Heartland College, Normal
- Illinois School Board Conference, Hyatt Hotel, Chicago

Other Activities

- 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 - 1368

Commentary

Our presence at the School Board Conference is always a great way to discuss ag programs with local school administrators and board members. Several school representatives stopped to learn about how they can help their instructors improve their current ag program, or what it takes to start a new program. Many visitors inquired about the resources available with Ag In The Classroom. I have been focusing much time on school visits and assisting teachers with improvements to their program, especially with recruitment strategies as we enter "course selection" time in most schools.