

**Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education**  
**Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor**  
**November 2015 Report**

**On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools    (1) Community College    (0) AITC Coalition**

Chatham Academy (HS)	Nathan Hale Middle School (HS)
Clifton Central HS	Pontiac HS
Kaneland HS	St. Charles Youth Correction Center (HS)
Kankakee Comm. College	Sycamore HS

**Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 5    Participants – 119**

- Ford-Iroquois AITC Ag Careers Night – FI Farm Bureau, Gilman – 55
- Ag Ed & Cranberries presentation – Blue Ridge HS, Farmer City – 23
- Ag Ed & Cranberries presentation – Mahomet-Seymour HS, Mahomet – 18
- U of I AgEd 499 SAE Class – online – 15
- Ag Ed & Cranberries presentation – Manteno HS, Manteno – 8

**Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6**

- FCAE Staff Meeting – IL FFA Center, Springfield
- Elite Conference – IAA Headquarters, Bloomington
- ILCAE Meeting – Kraft Foods, Champaign
- Cook Co. Farm Bureau Foundation – Cook CFB, Countryside
- Illinois Association of School Boards convention – Hyatt Chicago
- ISBE Budget Hearing – Thompson Center, Chicago

**Other Activities**

- Plan, setup, and operate Ag Education booth at Illinois School Board conference
- Assisted academic teachers in Chicago area with Ag resources
- Reviewed and updated the IL Ag Education Plan with Dean Dittmar
- 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 - 1283**

**Commentary**

November was a busy month indeed, as we receive many requests for assistance from school teachers who are making strong pushes in their classrooms and need resources. Dean and I have made good progress updating the IL Ag Ed plan and we hope to have a rough draft available to ILCAE members for review during their Christmas breaks. I continue recruitment efforts for Ag Education, offering to speak to classes when I visit schools. This recent offering to schools was successful, as I was invited to three schools to present AgEd along with Cranberry production to their students. I enjoyed getting back into the classroom, and hope to try again soon. I did meet several students who are considering Ag Education as a career.