

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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October 2010 Report

On-Site Assistance – (5) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Cambridge HS
Galva HS
Kewanee HS

Stark County HS
Wethersfield HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants –168

- Livingston County AITC Ag Expo – Livingston Co. Fairgrounds, Pontiac – 150
- Oswego HS Counselor Meeting – Oswego HS, Oswego – 5
- District 1 Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting, Henry County Farm Bureau, Cambridge – 13

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- ISU Ag Advisory Meeting – Ropp Ag Building, ISU, Normal
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Decatur
- Beginning FFA Advisor Workshop, Decatur Conference Center, Decatur
- JJC- High School Dual Credit Renewal Meeting, JJC Main Campus, Joliet
- JJC Local Foods Initiative/Grant meeting, JJC Greenhouse, Joliet
- Region 2 EFE Meeting, Whiteside Career Center, Sterling

Other Activities

- Prepared for NIU Course for China AgEd instructors
- 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 - 1276

Commentary

As October is the first month that we have had the opportunity to travel, I have very much enjoyed visiting schools in Section 3. I am always impressed during school visits by how diverse our programs are, but also how meaningful each program is to the community it serves. When I inquire at a gas station or restaurant about the FFA I usually hear "Oh those kids are great, they do a lot in the community." I hope that as we proceed with plans for next year we can discuss changes to our state curriculum to reflect the courses that are being taught (Agronomy and Animal Science) extensively in my territory but are not yet offered as state courses.