

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - 5
AUGUST, 2015, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 8 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0

SCHOOLS – Belleville East, Gibault Catholic at Waterloo, Pinckneyville, Red Bud, Sparta, Wayne City(2), Weber at Bluford **COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS** –

II. WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 2 PARTICIPANTS – 56

MyCAERT & SAE EZ Records Workshop, Ag Teachers, Rend Lake College, Ina – 11
Ag Careers Presentation, 9-12 Grade Students, Agronomy Field Day, Wayne City - 45

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 9

Section 21 IAVAT Agriculture Teachers' Meeting, Mt. Vernon
Section 22 IAVAT Agriculture Teachers' Meeting, Sparta
Section 23 IAVAT Agriculture Teachers' Meeting, Wayne City
Section 24 IAVAT Agriculture Teachers' Meeting, Murphysboro
Section 25 IAVAT Agriculture Teachers' Meeting, Harrisburg
IAVAT Section Chairs Meeting, Champaign
FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
IACCAI Meeting with Bill Waggoner to Develop Conference/Dues Registration Form, Sparta
Ag Congressional Tour with the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club - Educating 19 Congressional Staffers at EarthDance Farms, Monsanto, Sheer Dairy Farm, Montelle Vinyards, Maschhoffs Swine Farm, Bunge North America, Melvin Price Lock and Dam, Novus International, Anheiser Busch Brewery

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 2065

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 12

Prepared for Section IAVAT Back to School Meetings
Facilitated Surveying and MyCAERT & SAE Workshop, Rend Lake College, Ina
Encouraged First Year Teachers to Take the Beginning Teacher Graduate Course
Assisted at the FFA Animal Display Educating Individuals about Agriculture, State Fair, Springfield
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Updated Email Addresses on the Listserv
Managed and Maintained the Website
Maintained Teacher Logins in myCAERT
Moved, Added, and Updated Teacher and School Data in the Database
Prepared IACCAI Conference Registration and Dues Form and Google Registration Form
Attended Jim Craft Retirement Party, Springfield
Completed Monthly Reports
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests

VI. COMMENTARY

Glad to see movement towards the approval of agriculture courses taught online. Online courses have been around for 10+ years though the Pinckneyville High School is first to ask for the approval for agriculture courses and allowing FFA membership. **Once approved, I plan to reach out to the twelve schools without agriculture programs in district 5 to discuss this new development.** Networking with agribusinesses and educating congressional and legislative staffers are keys to our success. **We must begin to set objectives for our schools teaching 7/8 grade ag courses.** Events, awards, and activities that are allowed need to be defined.