

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

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 9

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 1

SCHOOLS – Belleville East, Belleville West, Century at Ullin, Cobden, Columbia, Dongola, DuQuoin, Meridian at Mounds, Valmeyer

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – Marion

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 5

PARTICIPANTS – 169

Teaching Ag as a Career, 13-14 Grade Students, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale - 78
Agricultural Career Presentations(4), 5th Grade Students, Conservation Fair, DuQuoin – 91

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 7

Region 5 EFE/CTE Directors Meeting, Edwardsville

Region 6 EFE/CTE Directors Meeting, Ina

FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield

FCAE Staff Meeting Conference Call Meeting

St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development, St. Louis, MO

District Agriculture Teacher Meeting, Carbondale

State AITC Coordinator Meeting, Bloomington

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 1809

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 10

Exhibited Agricultural Education Teaching Opportunities, College Students, SIU College of Agricultural Sciences Career Fair, Carbondale

Reception with Agribusiness Representatives and SIU College of Agriculture Staff, Carbondale

Assisted Teachers in Completing their Incentive Funding Ag Grant Budgets

Assisted Teachers with Completion of their Graduate Surveys -100%

Prepared for Meetings and Presentations

Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Updated Email Addresses on the Listserv

Managed and Maintained the Website

Completed Monthly Reports

Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests

Prepared Mentoring Contract Data Sheets for Ag Ed 499 Students and SIUC Student Teachers

VI. COMMENTARY

It was great a great opportunity to speak to all of the incoming freshman at SIUC about a career in agricultural education. Several students indicated transferring their major to agricultural education. **SIU College of Agriculture career fair was outside in a tent this year which allowed all exhibits to be in the same area.** I stayed busy with students stopping to talk the entire four hours. **The Conservation Fair in DuQuoin celebrated their 25th year educating 2500+ students about conservation, water, soil, wildlife, and agriculture.** This 3 day event is now in jeopardy of continuing with SWCD decreased funding. We have a meeting set in October with AITC coordinators in hopes of developing a plan for its continuation. **It was a big surprise to hear the resignation of Director of Agriculture, Phil Nelson.** Director Nelson was a big supporter of agricultural education.