

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - 5  
OCTOBER, 2014, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

**I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 11                      COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0**

**SCHOOLS** – Belleville East, Belleville West, Centralia, Cisne, Columbia, East St. Louis, Lovejoy Academy at Brooklyn(2), Mt. Vernon, Pinckneyville, Woodlawn  
**COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS** –

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 10      PARTICIPANTS – 133**

Agricultural Career Presentations(5), 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Conservation Fair, DuQuoin – 77  
Marketing Your Program(4), Beginning Ag Teachers, FFA Advisors Conference, Springfield - 40  
Agricultural Education Resources, Pre-Service Ag Ed Teachers, Mt. Vernon – 16

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 12**

FCAE Staff Meetings, Illinois State University, Normal  
Beginning FFA Advisors' Conference, Springfield(2 days)  
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting/Professional Development, St. Louis, MO  
Project Grow Meeting, St. Louis, MO  
Agriculture Articulation Conference, Parkland College, Champaign(2 days)  
Observed Student Teacher, Sarah McKinnies, Mt. Vernon  
Observed Student Teacher, Kara Cox, Cisne  
Brooklyn City Park District Meeting, Brooklyn  
Website Maintenance Meeting, Springfield  
St. Louis Regional Chamber Luncheon Meeting, Fairview Heights  
ICAE & ILCAE Annual Meeting, Bloomington  
Illinois Post-secondary Ag Student(PAS) Fall Conference, Bloomington

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – 2096**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 10**

Displayed Ag Careers Exhibit, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Building, East St. Louis(320)  
Encouraged Monsanto, ADM, NCERC-Biofuels Center, Syngenta, UI ACES to Attend Career Fair  
Assisted School District with Immediate Opening and Securing a Qualified Candidate  
Prepared for Presentations and Meetings  
Interviewed PAS Students for their Interviewing Competition in the Fruit and Vegetable Area  
Worked with Hummerts International in Developing Greenhouse Construction Budget for Lovejoy Academy  
Managed and Maintained the Website  
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Updated Email Addresses on the Listserv  
Completed Monthly Reports  
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests

**VI. COMMENTARY**

**Both student teacher observations were very good showing promising candidates.** Having agribusiness displays and representatives at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade career fair in East St. Louis was encouraging. **We have to partner together to increase student diversity.** Having the ILCAE annual meeting, ICAE meeting, and PAS conference on the same day may have been a good idea several years ago. **ILCAE and ICAE are now getting short changed with a two hour combined meeting.** Ag Articulation conference was one of the best attended and much was accomplished.