

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE  
OCTOBER, 2019, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

**I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1**

**COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0**

**SCHOOLS** – Lovejoy Academy at Brooklyn

**COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS** –

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 1 PARTICIPANTS – 57**

State of Agricultural Education Report, College Ag Instructors, East Peoria – 57

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 10**

Illinois Association of Community College Ag Instructors (IACCAI) Conference, IL Central College, East Peoria (2 days)

Ag Ed State Staff Meeting, East Peoria

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

IAVAT Board Meeting, Decatur

ISBE FY21 Budget Hearing, East St. Louis

mAGic Kit/Curriculum Meeting, AITC Coordinators, Jennifer Waters, Kevin Daugherty, Bloomington

National Association of Supervisors in Ag Education (NASAE) Conference, Indianapolis (3 days)

National FFA Convention Career Expo, Indianapolis

CAERT Curriculum Contract Meeting with Dan Pentony and Ron Biondo, Indianapolis

Website Maintenance Meeting with Weighat Graphics, Inc.(Tyler & Laurie), Indianapolis

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – 1966**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 15**

Prepared State Report for NASAE Eastern Region Meeting

Prepared and Submitted National Ag Teacher Supply and Demand Survey

Prepared Ag Ed Line Item One Page Summary for ISBE Budget Hearings

Prepared FY19 End of Year Expenditure Report and FY20 Budget

Temple Grandin Speaking Engagement, SIU at Carbondale

Started Updating Facts and Text for the 2019 Ag Education Annual Report

Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests

ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls

Reviewed Agriculture Core Curriculum in Drafting a Curriculum Plan

Assisted Susie Scott and Julie McCleary with Tasks

Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects

Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports and Travel Reports

Prepared for Presentations and Meetings

Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls

Completed Monthly Reports

**VI. COMMENTARY**

**I was very proud of two Lovejoy Academy agriculture students that presented the benefits of their agriculture courses to ISBE Board members.** A very uplifting experience it was! We are very fortunate to have professional and administrative staff to maintain and improve agricultural education across this state with numerous stakeholders to volunteer their time in guiding and supporting us along the way. Spending time with FCAE staff in one house for three days while in Indianapolis was a highlight and bonding experience. **I appreciate their diligent efforts developing a futuristic agricultural education curriculum plan for four hours on a Sunday afternoon.**