

**Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education**  
**Luke Allen, District II Program Advisor**  
**August 2015 Report**

**On-Site Assistance – (7) High Schools    (1) Community College    (2) AITC Coalition**

Chicago Ag Science HS  
College of DuPage  
Cook Co. AITC  
Ford-Iroquois AITC  
Kaneland HS

Manteno HS  
Momence HS  
Naperville Central HS  
St. Anne HS  
Yorkville Christian HS

**Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 7    Participants – 243**

- District 2 Inservice, Sustainable Landscape Design – Triton College, River Forest – 14
- Mokena Park District Barn Fest AITC Presentations – Yunker Farm, Mokena – 160
- Section 6 IAVAT Meeting – Central High School, Burlington – 14
- District 2 Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting – Chicago Ag HS, Chicago – 8
- Section 7 IAVAT Meeting – Hank’s Farm Restaurant, Ottawa – 16
- Section 10 IAVAT Meeting—Central High School, Clifton – 16
- Illinois State University Ag Ed Class – ISU, Normal – 15

**Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 4**

- AgEd Recruitment Meeting w/ Johnny Doyle, SIU AgEd
- FCAE Staff Meeting – Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield
- Mr. Craft Retirement Reception – Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- FARM Illinois Presentation – Cook Co Farm Bureau, Countryside

**Other Activities**

- Cleaned and organized FCAE storage area
- Co-wrote revisions to the Ag Education Plan with Dean Dittmar
- Updated the teacher candidate/vacancy pages on the agriculturaleducation.org website.
- 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 – 1466**

**Commentary**

By some miracle we were able to find Ag teachers for all of our teaching vacancies. Recruitment will still continue to be a major issue that affects Ag Education in future years, but it seems like our number of candidates has increased slightly. In my region we still have many students who are not served by Ag programs, and I hope that our Team AgEd can help find a way to offer Ag Education courses to students via online or other alternative means. This month I hosted a very positive meeting between leaders of the new Loyola University Sustainable Agriculture department and College of DuPage, and hopefully that partnership will lead to multiple community colleges offering a 2+2 program with the University.