

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (5) High Schools (1) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Clifton-Central HS	River Valley/Momence HS (2)
Kankakee Comm. College	Oswego HS
	Seneca HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants – 110

- Peotone 4th Grade mAGic Teachers – Peotone HS, Peotone – 12
- JJC Intro to Ag Ed Class – Joliet Jr. College, Joliet – 13
- After School Program, Gompers Jr. High, Joliet – 40
- After School Program, Dirksen Jr. High, Joliet – 45

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 7

- Illinois FFA Alumni Conference, Northfield Inn, Springfield
- Illinois AITC Ag Awareness Conference, Parke Hotel, Bloomington
- Illinois AITC Ag Literacy Coordinator Meeting, Parke Hotel, Bloomington
- TREES P&CC Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Joliet
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- NIU/Beijing Open University: US Ag Course Development, DeKalb CFB, Sycamore
- IL AgEd Website Transition Teleconference

Other Activities

- Entered student rosters into the AgEd Database.
- Worked with schools starting an ag program next year.
- 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 - 1412

Commentary

Despite the ongoing budget problems I am very optimistic about the future of Agricultural Education in District 2. Several schools are still giving consideration to starting a program. Kankakee Community College's new Horticulture & Local Source Food program is off to a good start with a large amount of community and industry support. Several schools have expressed an interest in participating in the District 2 Agri-Science Fair, and I am planning on a nice turnout for the Will County Invitational Science Fair by non-ag students in Will County. AgEd Teacher Recruitment continues at JJC, where we are sponsoring a workshop for future elementary teachers on April 30. March promises to be a very busy month, and I hope to finish my school visits by the end of the month.