

**Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education**  
**Megan Coy, District IV Program Advisor**  
**January 2018 Report**

**On-Site Assistance –7 high schools, 2 AITC**

- Salt Fork High School
- Oakland High School
- Tuscola High School
- Maroa Forsyth High School
- Clinton High School
- Sullivan High School
- Decatur Public Schools
- Macon County AITC
- Champaign County AITC

**Workshops/In-services/Presentations: 84 Participants**

- Section 16 Winter Ag Teacher Meeting (18 Participants)
- Section 17 Winter Ag Teacher Meeting (20 Participants)
- Section 18 Winter Ag Teacher Meeting (13 Participants)
- Section 19 Winter Ag Teacher Meeting (13 Participants)
- Section 20 Winter Ag Teacher Meeting (20 Participants)

**Meetings/Conferences/Conventions**

- Legislative Round Table, Bloomington
- Decatur Public Schools Meetings
- CHSAS Trip with DPS Counselors
- STAR Planning Meeting, Bloomington
- IAVAT/FFA Board Meeting, Springfield
- ICAE Meeting, Springfield
- FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
- Illinois FFA Alumni Annual Meeting, Champaign
- ILCAE Meeting, Champaign
- University Council Meeting, Bloomington
- Ag Legislative Sub Committee Conference Call
- STAR Advisory Board Conference Call
- IAVAT Professional Development Conference Call
- Thunderstruck Annual Report Meeting
- FCAE Coaching Session, Champaign
- Champaign County Earth Partner Meeting, Champaign
- Heartland Tour & Elite Pre Plan Meeting, Bloomington

**Other Activities**

- Working with schools & administrators on the budgets for the 3 Circle Grant
- Assisting teachers with the Improving Ag Program Grant
- Preparing for University of Ag Ed Class on MYCAERT
- Working with student teacher preparing for interviews
- Teacher Shortage Task Force recommendation development
- Preparation for Heartland Tech Academy Vet Science & Agriscience Fair
- Preparing agendas & materials for Winter Ag Teacher Meetings
- Create & uploading rosters
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

**Miles Traveled –1389 miles**

**Commentary**

January was filled with all of District IV's Ag Teacher Meetings occurring within a one week time period! It was great to get to see everyone after the holidays and catch up on what is happening in their classrooms. Besides preparing and attending the winter meetings, a large amount of time was spent with the first year of the 3 Circle Grant. Due to it being new and an unusual timeline, there were many issues to work through with agriculture teachers, districts, unions and administrators. There were great conversations had because of this grant and I think teachers that weren't able to take advantage are now better equipped to work towards the grant in the future. A highlight of the month was working with the district administration at Decatur Public Schools and traveling with their counselors and other administrators to Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. It is always great to get to hear from the students at CHSAS as they give tours and talk about their experiences. I hope that in a few years we will be able to hear the same things from Decatur students. Along with Decatur, our other new programs are all in the process of hiring teachers. This is exciting, as the candidates prepare and the districts discuss what they want to see from the programs as they get started. Looking forward to moving through the process of getting four new high school program started!