**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

**District IV Agricultural Education Program Advisor, Ryan Wildman**

**Summary of August 2013 Activities**

**I. On-Site Technical Assistance –** 5 schools, 0 Community Colleges, 0 University, 5 visits, 5 teachers, 0 Student Teachers, 0 administrators

* Hillsboro High School- Mikayla Johnson
* Cerro Gordo High School- JC Walker
* Gibson City- Melvin- Sibley High School- Elliott Hasselbring
* St. Joseph- Ogden High School- Katie Duitsman
* Paris High School- Jenna Knott

**II. Workshops Conducted -- 3 workshops/presentations, 31 participants**

* Lake Land College GAST Presentation (July 1, 2013)
* University of Illinois GAST Presentation (August 30, 2013)
* AGED 499 Presentation (August 3, 2013)

**III. Meetings/Conventions/Conferences Attended – 11**

* Section 16 Fall IAVAT Meeting, Decatur
* Section 17 Fall IAVAT Meeting, Tolono
* Section 18 Fall IAVT Meeting, Georgetown
* Section 19 Fall IAVAT Meeting, Vandalia
* Section 20 Fall IAVAT Meeting, Cumberland
* Illinois State Fair Ag Day- Springfield
* Districts 3 and 4 Agricultural Literacy Coordinators Meeting, Springfield
* FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield
* Regional Office of Education Administrators Meeting, Urbana
* Illinois FFA Agricultural Communications Summit
* ROE Agriculture Mechanics Workshop, Taylorville
* Farm Progress Show, Decatur

**IV.  Other Activities**

* Delivery of $150.00 Grant Materials
* FCAE Training
* Conduct E-mail Communication
* Input Database Information to [www.agriculturaleducation.org](http://www.agriculturaleducation.org) and www.iavat.org
* Visit beginning Agriculture Education Teachers
* Preparing for GAST Workshop Presentations
* Packing of Macon County office to move to Moultrie County
* Posting of Teacher Vacancies and List-Serve Messages, and Consulting with Administrators

**V. Miles Traveled -- 2112**

**VI. Comments/Observations**

* After only one month of working with FCAE, I am amazed at the scope of Agriculture Education within Illinois at all levels. I am very concerned with teacher retention and recruitment throughout the state, as Illinois saw many vacancies within the profession. I look forward to working with the team members of FCAE and Agriculture Educators throughout Illinois to try to provide solutions to this dilemma. Additionally, I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the teachers of District IV and Illinois in order to help advance their agriculture programs and provide the resources necessary to provide quality educational experiences to our students.