

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (10) High Schools (0) Community College (0) AITC Coalition

Belvidere HS	Lockport HS
Belvidere North HS	Momence HS
Central-Clifton HS	North Boone HS
Harvard HS	Rolling Meadows HS (X2)
Herscher HS	

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 2 Participants – 45

- Illinois PAS Conference – Judging, Lincoln Land College, Springfield – 10
- Iroquois County AITC Ag Careers Night – Ford-Iroquois Co Farm Bureau, Gilman – 35

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- IAVAT Legislative Committee teleconference
- ILCAE Annual Meeting – ADM Headquarters, Chicago
- Region 1 EFE Directors’ meeting – Waubensee College, Sugar Grove
- IASA/School Board Convention – Hyatt Hotel, Chicago
- FCAE Staff Meeting – Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Governor’s Rural Affairs Council – Illinois State Capitol, Springfield

Other Activities

- Finalized University and Community College data pages for 2017 Annual Report
- Summarized past years Incentive Funding Grant totals for D2 schools for last 3 years.
- 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 - 1264

Commentary

I now have a very high likelihood of up to 7 new Ag program startups for next year in District 2. Thankfully there is a high number of expected graduates. While I visit schools I am finding that additional training is needed in AET for teachers, and I have been reinforcing the new SAE model that was released last fall and reintroduced at NASAE Conference. Teachers are generally VERY positive about the new SAE model and I look forward to seeing how Illinois Team AgEd adopts the changes. Many teachers are looking forward to the new direction that AgriScience is taking with the addition of new categories for research, experimentation, and R&D.

School Board convention had a very productive booth this year. Megan and Jennifer and I, along with two State FFA Officers, focused on continuing relationships with schools who already have Ag programs. We had few visitors who did not already have Ag, but we developed plans for next years’ booth to incorporate hydroponics and to partner with ADM and other Ag employers to showcase the opportunities in Ag for students.