

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (9) High Schools	(0) Community College	(0) AITC Coalition
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DeKalb HS	Ottawa HS
Lexington HS	Prairie Central HS
Marengo HS	Streator Twp. HS
Mendota HS	Woodland HS
Oswego East HS	

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 2 Participants – 270

- Livingston Area EFE Career Fair, Pontiac, 220
- PREMIER Academy Career Fair, Joliet, 50

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 6

- Woodstock HS Startup Meeting, Woodstock Unit Office, Woodstock
- Clifton Central FFA Co-op Annual Shareholder Mtg, Central HS, Clifton
- Illinois CTE Elite Conference, IL Dept. of Ag, Springfield
- EFE Region 1 Meeting, Waubensee College, Sugar Grove
- IL Assn. of School Boards Convention, Hyatt Hotel, Chicago
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield

Other Activities

- Prepared materials for potential program startups in Woodstock, Rockford, Hampshire
- Prepared materials for IASB Conference and Ag Career presentations
- Reviewed and made entries in the teacher and program database website.
- Began preparation for the District 2 AgriScience Fair in May.
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 2438

Commentary

I continue to have discussions with schools that are interested in starting programs and courses in agricultural education. For my larger schools, the topic of BSAA approval by the NCAA causes some hesitation. It is important that our schools teaching BSAA continue to request NCAA approval and pursue reasons for denial. I am very much looking forward to the District 2 AgriScience Fair in May. I hope that our schools choose to participate. I plan to complete most of my school visits by the end of December, which should free up some time next spring for the Science Fair planning as well as IACCAI Database work. As our state budget continues to be more and more difficult, I hope that our teachers use the Winter Recess time to invite legislators to their schools and FFA Events to demonstrate the impact that CTE can have on a student's life. As the old saying goes, "Seeing is believing."