

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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On-Site Assistance – (8) High Schools (0) Community College (1) AITC Coalition

Belvidere North HS	Ottawa Twp. HS
Central-Burlington HS	Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich HS
Chicago Vocational HS	Streator Twp. HS
Naperville Central HS	Woodland HS
	Winnebago-Boone AITC

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 4 Participants – 217

- "Ag Career Opportunities" – Plainfield South HS, Plainfield – 135
- Ford-Iroquois AITC Ag College Fair: Teach Ag Panelist, FI Extension, Onarga – 45
- "Helping Students Achieve Better Math Scores with Ag & CTE" Presentation, IASB (School Board) Conference – Hyatt Hotel, Chicago – 37

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 4

- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield
- Elite Conference- IAA Headquarters, Bloomington
- IASB (School Board) Conference display/booth – Hyatt Hotel, Chicago
- Winnebago-Boone AITC Advisory – WBCFB, Winnebago

Other Activities

- Prepped & Hosted District 2 Food Science CDE
- Reviewed and made entries in the teacher and program database website.
- Finalized IACCAI Data tables & report
- Review & Judge Cook County FB/Farm Credit "Urban SAE" Grants
- Developed and posted listserv messages.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1500

Commentary

I was very pleased with the turnout that we had for the School Board Conference and the Math in Ag/CTE workshop this month. Many districts attended who do not have Ag programs. I am still concerned about the number of openings we expect to have and the low number of student teachers; perhaps it is time that ILCAE re-evaluate the GAST program to focus on recruitment of current college students and retention of existing Ag teachers.