



# COORDINATOR MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

## AGENDA

9:00 GATHERING AND REFRESHMENTS

9:30 WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

9:45 PRESENTATION: DR. CRAIG WILSON, DIRECTOR OF USDA FUTURE SCIENTISTS PROGRAM  
• See reverse side for more information!

11:45 LUNCH, DISTRICT MEETINGS, PARTNER UPDATES

- Illinois Beef Association
- Illinois Corn Growers Association
- FCAE
- FFA
- IAA Foundation
- Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources
- Livestock Initiative
- Midwest Dairy
- Nutrients for Life
- Illinois Pork Producers Association
- Illinois Soybean Association
- St. Louis Dairy Council

1:15 IAITC UPDATES... NEW! NEW! NEW!  
• New Farmers Market & Specialty Crop Lessons  
• New Posters  
• New Ag Mags & Readers  
• Website Refresh

2:00 GRANT UPDATES

2:45 WRAP UP & QUESTIONS

**Event Cost:** \$10  
**Location:** Interstate Center  
 (1106 Interstate Dr, Bloomington)  
**Registration Deadline:** 9/13  
**Register:** QR code or at:  
<https://iaitc.co/2022coormet>

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## DR. CRAIG WILSON

Dr. Wilson was born in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, grew up in England, and attended Oxford University. He met his Texan wife in Iceland and they had their three children in Botswana, Africa where he was Head of Science in the tribal village of Serowe as part of The University of Botswana. His research interests are in hands-on/inquiry-based science teaching and in how most successfully to link science teachers with research scientists. He

coordinated a NASA funded program-the National Space Biomedical Research Institute-Teacher Academy Project (NSBRI TAP) looking at the impact of long duration space flight on the human body and this allowed him to work with teachers in all fifty states and to teach in many of these including Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. He currently directs the USDA Future Scientists Program that has expanded nationwide from California to Puerto Rico and from Florida to the country of Panama. This workshop will give educators the opportunity to engage with science-based agricultural research regarding plant pests and the emerging use of drones. Participants will gain an increased understanding of how modern agricultural practices utilize enhanced technology and research to further the production of a safe and bountiful food supply. Participants will walk away with knowledge of how to incorporate the information learned into the classroom and be provided links to USDA/ARS scientists in their state.



Dr. Wilson pictured above, educating a group of students.  
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