Kentucky AgrAbility

Enhancing Opportunities for Farmers with Disabilities

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Kentucky AgrAbility is one of the many services offered in all 120 counties by the University of Kentucky Cooperative

For more information contact your local Extension Service office or visit www.ca.uky.edu/county/

The Kentucky AgrAbility Program is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, CSREES, under special project # 2010-41590-20753

AgrAbility’s Mission

1. Technical Assistance

AgrAbility provides direct help to agricultural families in areas like assistive technology, worksite modification, and independent living.

2. Information Dissemination

AgrAbility is the primary source for resource materials on farming with a disability. We provide information through individual contacts, distribution of new resources through mail and Internet, and through public education and awareness activities.

3. Professional Training

AgrAbility provides training opportunities for consumers and professionals. Contact us for more information about presentations for your organization or group.
Kentucky AgrAbility—Maximizing Abilities in Agriculture

What AgrAbility Can Do For You

- Provide direct on-farm technical assistance such as modifying tools, equipment and machinery
- Make home and farm more accessible
- Link with a network of farmers with disabilities to share ideas and experiences and provide support
- Provide resources to increase disability awareness
- Connect to national resources of assistive technology for farmers with physical disabilities
- Help find financial support for assistive technology and farm modifications
- Referrals to appropriate agencies to meet your specific needs
- Furnish rural healthcare providers with training in Rehabilitation Technology in Agriculture

Restoring Hope

Injury or illness affects more than 200,000 Kentucky farm families. You or someone you know may have back problems, missing or impaired limbs, spinal cord injuries, or the limitations that come from aging and hard physical work. Farm family members with a disability or impairment may also face other limitations. Sometimes disabilities are compounded by economic and social challenges. Nearly two-thirds of Kentucky farmers have incomes of less than $10,000.

Kentucky AgrAbility also partners with Cardinal Hill Hospital, the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Kentucky State University.

A farmer or agribusiness worker can remain a vital part of the agriculture industry, even after a temporary or permanent disability. Kentucky AgrAbility works to maximize these individuals' abilities on the farm and on the job. We do this by combining know-how and harnessing the power of motivated farm workers and farm families. We also focus on providing support and peer mentoring, because an accident, injury or illness impacts the whole family.

The National AgrAbility Project was authorized through the 1990 Farm Bill. Since 1993, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has provided education and technical assistance to agriculture operators and farm families who face the challenges of a disability.

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital is the Extension Service's partner in providing quality services to Kentucky farm families. Cardinal Hill brings expertise in rehabilitation services such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy.

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