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Or contact your local county Cooperative Extension Service office. Kentucky AgrAbility is one of the many services offered in all 120 counties by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Services.

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AgrAbility's Mission

1. Technical Assistance

AgrAbility provides direct help to agricultural families in areas like assistive technology, worksite modifications, 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.



Enhancing Opportunities for Farmers and Families with Disabilities

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Kentucky AgrAbility – Maximizing Abilities in Agriculture



A typical tobacco and beef cattle farmer or grain producer can remain a vital part of the agriculture industry even after a permanent or temporary disability. Kentucky AgrAbility works to maximize these individuals' abilities on the farm.

Even if the disabled family member is not the producer, the farm family still suffers. That's why Kentucky AgrAbility also focuses on Kentucky farm women, older farmers, farm children, and minority and limited-resource farmers.

Kentucky AgrAbility also partners with the Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky & the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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

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.

Restoring Hope

Injury or illness affects more than 200,000 Kentucky farm families. You or someone you know may suffer from problems associated with farm work, such as back problems, missing or impaired limbs, spinal cord injuries or arthritis.

Farm family members with a disability or impairment may also face other limitations. Sometimes disabilities are often compounded by economic and social challenges. Nearly two-thirds of Kentucky farmers have incomes of less than \$10,000.

Agricultural producers with disabilities and limited resources face additional pressures and hardships. Farm families may feel that problems such as these make it too difficult to continue farming activities. But with our help, they can. Kentucky AgrAbility assists rural and farm families in overcoming limitations, whatever those may be.

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 in occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech and language pathology.