

Why AgrAbility?

Farming and ranching are dangerous occupations, with thousands of injuries occurring each year. The National Safety Council estimates that more than 100,000 farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers sustain injuries or occupational illnesses each year, many of which are serious and permanent.

Farmers and ranchers are also getting older. The average age of farmers and ranchers in Idaho was 52.8 in 1997; in 2002, the average age was 54.1. As people age, they may become more susceptible to acquiring disabilities such as arthritis and hearing loss.

Most of these people want to maintain their agricultural way of life, though rural isolation, limited access to agriculture-oriented assistance, or inadequate personal resources can frustrate their efforts. The AgrAbility Project is designed to help farmers and ranchers who have disabilities continue their work—and their way of life.

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About AgrAbility

The best solutions are sometimes the simplest, though they may require looking at things in a whole new way. This can be especially true for people with disabilities.

The Idaho AgrAbility Project provides expertise about how to reorganize and redesign operations, tasks, and structures with a different perspective to farmers and ranchers with disabilities. Professionals are available to visit farm and ranch operations, observe and discuss the tasks involved, and offer suggestions about how to make the work both safer and easier.

AgrAbility services are available to people with disabilities who are working in production agriculture and want to continue farming or ranching. Farmers and ranchers with any type of acquired or traumatic disability—whether physical, cognitive, or sensory—are eligible.

The AgrAbility Project can provide information about possible funding sources to help farmers and ranchers purchase or modify equipment or structures, though the program itself does not purchase equipment or pay for modifications.

Services Available

On-site Assessments

AgrAbility conducts on-site home and agricultural worksite assessments to recommend ways to restructure tasks and facilities, explore alternative agricultural enterprises, and modify farm and ranch equipment.

Information and Referrals

AgrAbility provides information regarding services and products available to agricultural workers with disabilities, including assistive technology.

Training and Education

AgrAbility offers training to healthcare and rehabilitation professionals who work with agricultural workers on topics related to farming and ranching with a disability.

Peer Support

AgrAbility connects farmers and ranchers with others facing similar challenges through a peer-to-peer online forum. The forum allows people to ask questions and share knowledge they've gained through their experiences.

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Resources

AGRABILITY

National AgrAbility Project

Website: <http://www.agrabilityproject.org>

Breaking New Ground Resource Center

Website: <http://pasture.ecn.purdue.edu/~agenhtml/ABE/Extension/BNG/Resource%20Center/resourcecenter.html>

AGRICULTURE

Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture (ISDA)

Website: <http://www.agri.state.id.us/>

United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

University of Idaho Extension

Website: <http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/district.html>

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

Website: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/index.html>

National Ag Safety Database (NASD)

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/>

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF)

Website: <http://www.idahofb.org/>

Idaho Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ID/>

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Idaho Assistive Technology Project (IATP)

Website: <http://www.educ.uidaho.edu/idatech/>

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Idaho

Website: <http://www.ucpidaho.org>

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)

Website: <http://www.ataaccess.org/default.html>

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