



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY FEBRUARY 2005 UPDATE

AgrAbility of Wisconsin promotes success in agriculture for individuals with disabilities. In a partnership between UW-Cooperative Extension and Easter Seals Wisconsin, the program assists farmers and farm workers with disabilities or chronic health conditions to continue to farm safely and productively. For more information on AgrAbility's services, call (608) 262-9336, toll-free at 1-800-422-2324, or e-mail aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu.

AGRABILITY AND EASTER SEALS FARM PROGRAM INTRODUCE NEW MEMBER

AgrAbility of Wisconsin and Easter Seals Wisconsin FARM Program are pleased to introduce our newest Rural Rehabilitation Specialist, Holly Allen. She grew up on a three-generation dairy farm east of Green Bay. Holly is no stranger to the program because as a student at UW-Madison, she had the opportunity to work with AgrAbility of Wisconsin. She completed her Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling in December 2000 and worked as a case manager for county social services and later as a vocational evaluator and Disability Program Navigator. Holly is excited to join the program and looking forward to meeting agents as she travels to the numerous counties.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR MEETINGS

Agrability is currently planning Neighbor-to-Neighbor meetings for the month of March. The meetings are designed to allow farmers waiting for service the opportunity to sit around the kitchen table in an informal setting and talk with other current and former clients. The meetings allow farmers the opportunity to talk about concerns, farming with a disability or whatever topics come up in conversation. We are still in the planning stages, however we are looking to Sauk, Taylor and Dodge counties for the meetings. As dates and times become available, I will inform agents of the details.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

As I mentioned before, AgrAbility of Wisconsin has been busy in the month of January; however the shows are not over yet! I've had the opportunity to meet several agents already and look forward to meeting more people! If you will be in any of the following areas, please stop by and introduce yourself. I'm looking forward to meeting you.

PAST EVENTS

- January 19-20, 2005 **27th Midwest Farm Show** La Crosse
- January 25-26, 2005 **14th Rice Lake Area Farm Show** Rice Lake
- February 2-3, 2005 **2005 KFIZ Farm Show** Fond du Lac

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 11-12, 2005 **Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention** Waukesha
- March 1-2, 2005 **42nd Eau Claire Farm Show** Eau Claire
- March 5, 2005 **Fond du Lac Agriculture Showcase and Celebration** Fond du Lac
- March 8-9, 2005 **PDPW 2005 Annual Business Conference** Madison
- March 29-31, 2005 **WPS Farm Show** Oshkosh
- April 13, 2005 **Wisconsin Rural Leadership Summit** Eau Claire
- April 28, 2005 **Assistive Technology and Resource Fair** Turtle Lake

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Winter 2005 Plowing Ahead Newsletter was sent in January. If you did not receive the newsletter and you are interested in receiving it, please contact me at 608.262.9336 or caabplanalp@wisc.edu.

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