



## UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY NOVEMBER 2004 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](mailto:aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu).

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### **AGRABILITY'S BUSY FALL**

AgrAbility of Wisconsin staff members have been busy this fall season. During events, general program information is shared along with examples of simple assistive technology available to help farmers with disabilities perform tasks a little bit easier.

Along with publicizing the program, these shows provide an opportunity for stronger networks to be formed, as AgrAbility staff members are able to meet county extension personnel putting additional names and faces together. County agents planning to attend any of the upcoming listed events are encouraged to stop by AgrAbility's booth on their own or with a local producer to learn more about how AgrAbility can help farmers with disabilities continue in their chosen vocation--agriculture.

#### **PAST EVENTS**

- September 21-23 **2004 Farm Technology Days** Bloomer
- October 14 **Disability Awareness Day** Marshfield
- October 21-23 **Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association Conference** Milwaukee

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 4 **Assistive Technology & Resource Fair** Hayward
- November 16-19 **National AgrAbility Workshop** Springfield, IL
- December 3 **AgrAbility of Wisconsin Advisory Council Meeting** Madison

### **NEW FACES AT AGRABILITY**

As of July 1, Cally Abplanalp has taken over the responsibilities of outreach specialist for AgrAbility of Wisconsin. A recent graduate of UW Madison who grew up on a small dairy farm in Juda, Wisconsin, she majored in Agriculture Business and Agriculture Journalism. If you are attending any of the upcoming events or would just like to introduce yourself, please feel free. She is looking forward to meeting and working with the county agents throughout Wisconsin.

### **MONTHLY UPDATES**

The monthly updates for agents have not been consistent the last few months. However, updates will now be continuously sent out at the end of each month. Some updates may include information such as in this update, but others will include stories and articles that agents will be allowed to use in any type of publications that the agent feels is appropriate. Agents will also be contacted when AgrAbility will be in a county for a show or other event. If you have any suggestions or ideas to aid the communication between agents and AgrAbility, please feel free to contact Cally at (608) 262-9336 or [caabplanalp@wisc.edu](mailto:caabplanalp@wisc.edu).

### **NEWSLETTER ROUTING REQUEST**

Along with the farm shows, AgrAbility's *Plowing Ahead* newsletter, which is distributed throughout Wisconsin quarterly, aids in increasing awareness of the program's unique services. Each issue features a farmer's story, as well as thoughts from program partners and other pertinent information.

Copies of past newsletters are also available to view and/or download by visiting <http://bse.wisc.edu/agrability> or call (608) 262-9336 for newsletter requests.

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