



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY JANUARY 2003 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 GEARING UP FOR A BUSY FALL

AgrAbility of Wisconsin staff members will move into a busy fall season. During the 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 following 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.

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

NEWSLETTER ROUTING REQUEST MADE

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.

This past year, UWEX Agriculture Agents Andy Hager, Taylor County and Mike Wildeck, Marathon County shared their insight for the Partner's section of the newsletter. The *Plowing Ahead* winter issue should have arrived in the mail recently. Please take time to review this newsletter and route within your County office. 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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