



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY FEBRUARY 2006 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 of Wisconsin Annual Advisory Council Meeting

AgrAbility of Wisconsin and Easter Seals FARM Program holds an annual meeting for members of the AAW Advisory Council. During this meeting, members are introduced to a former client and have the opportunity to hear about his or her story. They also receive information about the program's year in review regarding client demographics and other statistics. Twenty-three members were in attendance this year and had the opportunity to discuss and suggest activities and ideas to increase the success of the AgrAbility project in Wisconsin.

According to the demographic information presented to members, AgrAbility is actively working with 226 clients and have closed 97 client cases since April 15, 2005. In 2004-05, AAW closed 85 client cases and of these cases, 85% were male and 14% were female with 70% of the total clients being dairy farmers. The demographic numbers remain similar each grant year with dairy dominating and orthopedic impairments reported as the leading disability of Wisconsin farmers.

If anyone is interested in more demographic statistics about AAW clients, please feel free to contact Cally at 608.262.9336 or email at ehle@wisc.edu.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

If I will be in your area in the near future, stop by and say hello:

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 28-March 1, 2006 **Eau Claire Farm Show** Eau Claire
- March 14-15, 2006 **PDPW Trade Show** Madison
- March 28-30, 2006 **WPS Farm Show** Oshkosh
- March 29, 2006 **JCEP Conference** Wisconsin Rapids
- April 26, 2006 **Wisconsin Community Leadership Summit** Appleton
- April 27, 2006 **North Country Ind. Living Assistive Technology Fair** Ashland
- May 19, 2006 **Kewaunee County Safety Day Camp**

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2006 Plowing Ahead Newsletter will be sent in March. If you do not receive the newsletter and are interested in receiving it, please contact me at 608.262.9336 or aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu. You can also access the current and past newsletters online at www.bse.wisc.edu/agrability.

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