



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY JULY 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 SAYS GOOD-BYE TO MELISSA COPAS, CONSUMER SERVICE ASSISTANT

It seems like just yesterday I had learned about the benefits of AgrAbility of Wisconsin and the assistance it provides for Wisconsin's agriculturalists. I have met so many unique and talented individuals through AgrAbility, and have enjoyed working with farmers, agricultural businesspersons, and farm safety day students alike. AgrAbility's clients are some of Wisconsin's most honest and hard-working agriculturalists—and they are the ones who have made me proud to work for such an outstanding organization. Now, after almost three years of serving as AgrAbility's Consumer Services Assistant, it is time to say goodbye. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in May, and will be moving to Bloomington, Indiana at the end of the summer. Thank you for allowing me to serve you through AgrAbility of Wisconsin. Best wishes for a happy and successful future! Yours in Agriculture, Melissa Copas

AGRABILITY CLIENT ACTIVITY

In the 2004-05 grant year, AgrAbility has served and is currently serving over 300 clients. This number reflects the commitment of the staff and others in the agriculture community to spread the word about the program to farmers with disabilities. AgrAbility of Wisconsin would like to thank the ag agents for their continued effort to help educate farmers about the programs and opportunities available to them.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

The summer season is coming into full swing! If I will be in your area in the near future, stop by and say hello:

PAST EVENTS

- April 28, 2005 **Assistive Technology and Resource Fair** Turtle Lake
- May 19, 2005 **Kewaunee County Rural Safety Days** Kewaunee
- June 15, 2005 **WI FFA Lifework Expo** Madison

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 12-14, 2005 **Farm Technology Days** Loyal
- July 19, 2005 **Farm Safety Day Camp** Chilton
- October 21 & 22, 2005 **Wisconsin Occupational Therapist Association Conference** Appleton
- November 8-10, 2005 **National AgrAbility Project Workshop** Burlington, Vermont

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2005 Plowing Ahead Newsletter will be sent in the beginning of July. If you do not receive the newsletter and you are interested in receiving it, please contact me at 608.262.9336 or caabplanalp@wisc.edu. You can also access the current and past newsletters online at www.bse.wisc.edu/agrability.

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