



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY APRIL 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 Partnerships Honored

Mutual of America Foundation, which recognizes the strength of community partnerships with their prestigious national Community Partnership Award, honored the partnerships between Easter Seals of Wisconsin FARM Program, the University of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection on April 25, 2006 at the Madison Concourse Hotel. Each year hundreds of organizations across the country apply for this award, with only the top 10 in the nation receiving recognition. Individuals accepting certificates for each partner included Micabil (Mike) Díaz-Martínez and Manuel Lugo for the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Secretary of Agriculture, Rod Nilsestuen for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Rick Klemme for the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension and Paul Leverenz for the Easter Seals FARM Program. Five silver coin recipients received individual recognition for their work to make the AgrAbility program successful. These individuals were Cleo Eliason and Manuel Lugo of the Division of Vocation Rehabilitation, Roger James with the Wisconsin FARM Center, Ron Schuler of the UW Cooperative Extension and Paul Leverenz of the Easter Seals of Wisconsin FARM Program. AgrAbility of Wisconsin is one of the leading state AgrAbility projects in providing direct assistance to farmers with disabilities. This is a result of this successful partnership formed by these organizations.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 19, 2006 **Kewaunee County Safety Day Camp**
- June 3, 2006 **Monroe County Dairy Breakfast**
- June 14, 2006 **Wisconsin State FFA Lifeworks Expo**
- July 11-13, 2006 **Wisconsin Farm Technology Days**

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Summer 2006 Plowing Ahead Newsletter is planned for June 2006. If you currently 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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