



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY MAY 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 Continues to Help Farmers

This spring AgrAbility of Wisconsin's USDA funded grant was renewed for another four years. Thanks to the support of county ag agents AgrAbility has continued to grow from its founding in 1991. During the 2002-2006-grant year, AgrAbility provided services to 509 clients and completed a total of 651 farm/worksite visits. UW Extension faculty directed 39 farmers to the program and many more provided assistance during the process. At the end of each grant year, a survey was sent to all the clients closed in that grant year. The accumulation of the survey results over the last four years is as follows.

A total of 337 surveys were sent during 2002-2006 with a response rate of 50%.

- ◆ 70% stated after AgrAbility's help they could farm more easily and do the farm work better
- ◆ 57% continued farming
- ◆ 21% continued to live independently
- ◆ 1% continued to live on the farm but successfully took up another occupation

If anyone is interested in more information and statistics about the last four years, please feel free to contact me via email at ehle@wisc.edu or 608.262.9336. The AgrAbility of Wisconsin and Easter Seals FARM Program staff would like to thank you again for your past and continuing support to make this program successful!

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3, 2006 **Monroe County Dairy Breakfast**
- June 14, 2006 **Wisconsin State FFA Lifeworks Expo**
- July 11-13, 2006 **Wisconsin Farm Technology Days**
- August 15, 2006 **Jefferson County Safety Day Camp**

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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