



## UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY OCTOBER 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](mailto:aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu).

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### ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The AgrAbility of Wisconsin annual Advisory Council meeting will be held on Friday, November 3, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station. Twenty-five members of the council are expected to attend. There will be more information regarding this in the November update.

### NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR MEETINGS

Another round of Neighbor-to-Neighbor meetings was held this year with great success. These meetings are designed to allow farmers waiting for service the opportunity to sit around the kitchen table in an informal setting and talk with other current and former clients. The meetings allow farmers the opportunity to talk about the program and farming with a disability. An Easter Seals FARM Program Rehabilitation Specialist and I attend these meetings to help facilitate and answer any questions that may arise. Three meetings were held in October in Milladore, Gays Mills and Stratford. An average of five clients attended each meeting and one meeting introduced a new client to the program. If you have any questions regarding these meetings or would like more information, please feel free to contact me or view the article in the upcoming Plowing Ahead Newsletter.

### AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3, 2006 **AgrAbility of Wisconsin Advisory Council Meeting, Madison**
- November 10-11, 2006 **Wisconsin Occupational Therapist Association Conf, Madison**
- November 13-16, 2006 **National AgrAbility Workshop, Jackson, MS**
- January 17-18, 2007 **LaCrosse Farm Show, LaCrosse**
- January 23-24, 2007 **Rice Lake Area Farm Show, Rice Lake**
- January 31-February 1, 2007 **Jefferson County Farm Show, Jefferson**
- March 3, 2007 **Fond du Lac Ag Showcase and Celebration, Fond du Lac**
- March 6-7 **Eau Claire Farm Show, Eau Claire**

### PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Fall 2006 Plowing Ahead Newsletter is currently in the works and will be mailed next week. The newsletter will feature a farmer from Arpin, WI who was willing to try a different approach to storing and feeding forage. Other articles will include an update about the ESW FARM calf project, the recent round of Neighbor-to-Neighbor meetings and a Partner's Piece by Brian Holmes. 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](mailto:aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu). You can also access the current and past newsletters online at [www.bse.wisc.edu/agrability](http://www.bse.wisc.edu/agrability).

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