



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY APRIL 2007 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.

AAW YEAR END TOTALS

The AgrAbility of Wisconsin grant year ended on April 15, 2007. At the end of this year, AgrAbility actively served 403 farmers; closed 99 farmer's cases and program enrolled 143 new farmers. Thanks to the partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the ESW Rural Rehab Specialists completed a total of 126 DVR farmer cases. These numbers are growing with each grant year and are a testament to the work that AgrAbility of Wisconsin and Easter Seals FARM program is doing throughout the state. Thanks to everyone who plays his or her role in making this program one of the largest and most successful AgrAbility projects in the nation!

AAW ASSISTIVE TECH AWARENESS DAY

Mark your calendars for July 18, 2007! AgrAbility will be hosting the first AAW Assistive Tech Awareness Day. The event will be held at the Marathon County Park in The Big Kitchen from 1-5 pm. The day will include a short program of introduction of representatives from different organizations throughout the area that are available to farmers. Then a casual meet and greet time will make up the rest of the day, with farmers having the opportunity to meet with representatives from organizations such as UW Extension, WI DVR, WI DATCP, and numerous other organizations that are available to farmers. More information will be sent out in several weeks about this Assistive Tech Awareness Day.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 17 **Kewaunee County Rural Safety Day, Luxemburg**
- June 19 **North Country Indep. Living Center Assistive Tech Fair, Superior**

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Summer 2007 Plowing Ahead Newsletter is scheduled for mailing the first week in June. Look for the Spring 2007 newsletter now. 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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