



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY JUNE 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.

AGRABILITY OF WISCONSIN HELPING FARMERS SUCCESSFULLY CONTINUE FARMING

During the 2006-07-grant year, AgrAbility completed services to 99 farmers with disabilities. At the end of each grant year, a client satisfaction survey was sent to all the clients closed last year asking for feedback about the AgrAbility Program to help improve services for future clients. A total of 97 surveys were sent during with a response rate of 56%.

- ◆ 69% stated after AgrAbility's help they could farm more easily and do the farm work better
- ◆ 52% continued farming
- ◆ 37% continued to live independently
- ◆ 6% continued to live on the farm but successfully took up another occupation

If anyone is interested in more information and statistics about the 2006-07-grant year, 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 continuing support to make this program successful!

AAW ASSISTIVE TECH AWARENESS DAY

July 18, 2007 is quickly approaching! 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. Please feel free to attend and spread the word to farmers who may benefit from this event!

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 18 **AAW Assistive Tech Awareness Day, Marathon Cty Park, Wausau 1-5 p.m.**
- July 31 **Jefferson County Safety Day, Jefferson Cty Fairgrounds, Jefferson**
- September 18-20, 2007 **Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Albany**

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Summer 2007 Plowing Ahead Newsletter was mailed at the last week. The newsletter features a look into the programs and events that make AgrAbility of Wisconsin successful as well as information about the upcoming AgrAbility Assistive Tech Awareness Day. If you did 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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