



UW EXTENSION -- AGRABILITY MAY 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 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. Please feel free to attend and spread the word to farmers who may be able to benefit from this event!

ESW RECOGNITION DINNER

On May 10, 2007 two AgrAbility of Wisconsin farmers were honored at the Annual Easter Seals Wisconsin Recognition Dinner in Madison, WI. Mary Dunn, a dairy farmer in southwestern Wisconsin was honored with the Outstanding Volunteer award. Mark Novotny, another former client of the program from northern Wisconsin, was honored with the Recognition of Personal Growth award. Also receiving recognition was AgrAbility of Wisconsin's own Ron Schuler, for the Easter Seals Wisconsin Lifetime Achievement Award. The AgrAbility of Wisconsin and Easter Seals FARM staff was honored to have three outstanding representatives of the program recognized at this annual event.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 19 **North Country Independent Living Center Assistive Tech Fair, Superior**
- July 18 **AAW Assistive Tech Awareness Day, Marathon Cty Park, Wausau 1-5 p.m.**
- September 18-20, 2007 **Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Albany**

PLOWING AHEAD NEWSLETTER

The Summer 2007 Plowing Ahead Newsletter is scheduled for mailing the second week in June. 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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