



UW EXTENSION – AGRABILITY JUNE 2010 UPDATE

AgrAbility of Wisconsin (AAW) 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 Bob Meyer at (608) 262-9336, toll-free at 1-800-422-2324, or e-mail aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu.

Assistive Technology Database now on FYI site:

The Assistive Technology Database is now active on the UWEX FYI AgrAbility site. (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/assistivetech/>) Some nice features you'll find in the database now include a gallery view for pictures of the equipment, and search ability by category or limitation (left hand column). These quick search buttons allow you to click on a topic like "Fencing" or "Vision Loss" and find all the products that have been entered into the database that might help individuals looking for technologies to help them farm easier. There are over 800 products currently listed in the database.

This database is different than our Equipment Exchange site where farmers can exchange equipment directly. (see below)

To add new products to the database, send an email with information about the product to Bob Meyer at aaw@mailplus.wisc.edu

AgrAbility of Wisconsin – Meets with Libyan representatives:

On May 11th, AgrAbility of Wisconsin staff Dick Straub, Ron Schuler and Bob Meyer met with Mr. Omar Abdelati, the Libyan delegate to President Obama's April 26-27 Entrepreneurship Summit in Washington, DC. Mr. Abdelati is a blind entrepreneur, who is interested in developing connections between Libyan and US institutions for persons with disabilities. Mr. Abdelati was interested in learning about the tools and techniques useful for working with farmers with disabilities, particularly those with visual impairments or blindness.

AGRABILITY ON THE ROAD— UPCOMING EVENTS

The summer outreach season will see AgrAbility of Wisconsin traveling to and exhibiting at a number of venues. Upcoming events are listed below.

- Wisconsin FFA LifeWork Expo June 16, 2010, Exhibition Hall – Alliant Energy Center, Madison
- Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, July 20 – 22, 2010, Pierce County.

AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE UPDATE

The Ag Equipment Exchange has newly added used equipment available for farmers in need including: a round bale slicer for skid steer, freestall dividers, feed belt conveyors, and an electric wheelchair. This equipment is ready to be transferred to farmers needing the equipment. If you have farmers who may be interested in donating equipment to farmers in need, please direct them to the website. This equipment does not have to be disability specific as many items like added steps, lighter milking units, and automatic take offs are common off-the-shelf solutions for helping farmers experiencing difficulty. The URL for the exchange website is: <http://144.92.31.11/main.php>

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