

# MISSOURI AGRABILITY PROJECT



*Offering*  
**Solutions**  
*for* **Farmers**  
*with Disabilities*

AgrAbility increases the likelihood that individuals with disabilities and their families engaged in production agriculture (AgrAbility's customers) become more successful. The program links the Cooperative Extension Service at a land-grant university with a private nonprofit disability service organization to provide practical education and assistance that promotes independence in agricultural production and rural living.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), administers the AgrAbility Project.

The Missouri AgrAbility project involves Extension educators, disability experts, rural professionals, and volunteers who work in partnership to offer many services such as:

- identifying farmers, ranchers, or farmworkers with disabilities and/or chronic diseases by referring them to appropriate resources;
- providing technical assistance on adapting/using farm equipment and tools,
- providing information on modifying farm operations and buildings;
- providing agriculture-based education to help prevent additional injury and disability;
- providing training to Extension educators and other rural professionals to assist farmers with disabilities; and
- developing and coordinating peer support networks.

## Eligibility

Those eligible for services may have any type of disability and/or chronic disease, whether it is physical, cognitive, or illness-related.

amputation	arthritis	back injury
cancer	cardiac problem	cerebral palsy
blindness or vision impairment		cognitive impairment
deafness or hearing impairment		diabetes
mental illness	multiple sclerosis	muscular dystrophy
post-polio syndrome	respiratory problem	spinal cord injury
stroke	traumatic brain injury	<i>other disabling conditions</i>

## Who should you contact?

If you are interested in learning about how you can receive AgrAbility services (e.g., training, on-farm assessments, technical assistance, or information) please contact us at **1.800.995.8503**. You can also visit the Missouri AgrAbility webpage at:

<http://agrability.missouri.edu>

### *Collaborative Partners*

