AGRABILITY STATE-LEVEL SURVEY
ARTHITIS AND AGRICULTURE

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STATE-LEVEL AGRABILITY SURVEY RESULTS
Arthritis and Agriculture

• Currently serving individuals who have arthritis?
  • 5 state-level AgrAbility Projects said yes, as a primary condition
  • 9 state-level AgrAbility Projects said yes, as a secondary condition
  • 5 state-level AgrAbility Projects said no, not at all

• What are we doing for people who have arthritis?
  • Providing information or resource materials on mobility aids
  • Providing information or resource materials on safety aids
  • Providing information and resource materials on technology and equipment
  • Providing information on prevention of more secondary complications
  • State-level AgrAbility staff members reported, “We tend to focus on the primary condition” and not the secondary condition.
  • State-level AgrAbility staff members reported, “Arthritis is common, people just live with it.”
  • State-level AgrAbility staff members reported this is an “UNDERSERVED POPULATION.”
  • State-level AgrAbility staff members reported they serve farmers and ranchers with arthritis by providing “TECHNOLOGY—MEDICAL —EDUCATION”

• Who is making referrals for farmers and ranchers with arthritis?
  • DVR
  • Extension Specialist
  • Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC)
  • Arthritis Foundation
  • Word of Mouth
  • Media (farm press, community events)
  • Breaking New Ground Resource Center (BNG)
  • Health Professionals (OT, PT)
STATE-LEVEL AGRABILITY SURVEY RESULTS
Arthritis and Agriculture

• What agriculture and arthritis resources do you need?
  • Resource to get referrals
  • Product/technology resource
  • Pictures and information on the internet (updated frequently)
  • Remember to tell what to do and WHY
  • Resource geared for young people
  • Joint by joint resource including: exercises, prevention, body mechanics, joint protection, specific challenges and solutions
  • A reminder sheet for “us” to remember what to ask farmers about their arthritis
  • A prevention resource…what conditions are more prone to arthritis, how to prevent further damage
  • Any resource that spans the disciplines
  • A “What You Can Do For Yourself” resource
  • DIVERSITY OF RESPONSES….DIVERSITY OF RESPONDERS??

AGRICULTURE, ARTHRITIS, AND AGRABILITY THEMES

Opportunity or Challenge
  • Arthritis is a problem in the agriculture community
  • Serving all of their needs to the best of our abilities
  • Finding unity in our diversity
  • Reaching farmers or ranchers who have arthritis
  • Developing resources to fill the needs of all involved