

2017 NTW Session Schedule

Monday, March 20th : Pre-Conference Sessions

Times	Activity	Presenter(s)
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	<p>New Staff Training</p> <p>This session gives an overview of the AgrAbility Program for new staff members, those wanting a refresher or those wishing to learn about AgrAbility. Some topics covered include a perspective from USDA, the role of the National Project, resources available, evaluation procedures, and sources of help inside and outside AgrAbility. Participants will also have opportunities to network with one another, NAP staff, and USDA contacts</p>	National AgrAbility Staff
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	<p>Reducing the Risk of Secondary Injury and Enhancing Emergency Preparedness for AgrAbility Clientele</p> <p>This professional development session will focus on the problem of secondary injuries including occupation-related deaths and their impact on agricultural producers and workers. Additional topics include emergency preparedness for people with disabilities in rural areas and farm safety issues, such as tractor safety. The fee for this session is \$25.00</p>	Bill Field National AgrAbility
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	<p>Offsite Tour: East Tennessee Technology Access Center (ETTAC)</p> <p>The East Tennessee Technology Access Center (ETTAC) is a regional nonprofit agency that helps people with disabilities gain knowledge about and access to assistive technology devices. These devices help people with disabilities gain education and employment skills, perform activities of daily living, and lead more independent, productive lives. ETTAC's assistive technology equipment is used for assessment and training, and some devices may also be available for loan. There will be a \$15.00 fee to attend.</p>	
4:30 pm-6:30 pm	<p>Opening Reception</p> <p>Light refreshments will be served Dinner is on your own.</p>	

Tuesday, March 21st

Times	Activity	Lead Presenter(s)
7:00 am - 8:15 am	Breakfast NAP Evaluation Committee Mtg	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Session</p> <p>Welcomes from:</p> <p>Dr. Bill Field- National AgrAbility Project</p> <p>Tim Prather- Tennessee AgrAbility</p> <p>Dr. Roy Bullock, Tennessee State University, Extension Professor and Agriculture Program Leader</p> <p>Louis Buck, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, East TN Public Affairs, International Marketing</p> <p>Stephanie Cook- ADA Coordinator for Knoxville</p> <p>Updates from the National AgrAbility Project</p> <p>Featured speaker: Aida Balsano, USDA/NIFA</p> <p>Conference instructions</p>	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Project Director (PI) Session</p> <p>USDA program leaders will meet with SRAP principal investigators for questions, answers, and discussion.</p>	Aida Balsano, USDA

<p>10:30 am- 12:00 pm</p>	<p>FSA/USDA New Beginning Farmer Outreach</p> <p>In this session participants will learn about the Beginning Farmer Initiative at USDA. Various agencies such as the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Rural Development, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, and Risk Management Agency will be discussed. Also, information about various initiatives, Urban Agriculture, Women in Agriculture, and Veterans will be provided. USDA is striving to become a one-stop-shop while providing adequate services to beginning farmers across Rural America. At USDA there is a place for everyone!</p>	<p>Amanda Robertson, USDA/FSA</p>
<p>10:30 am- 12:00 pm</p>	<p>*Unconferencing Session- App Bingo: Trying Out Apps and Finding New Favorites</p> <p>With so many things to get done each day it seems inevitable that there is always something that gets missed or forgotten. These often small but important things could be errands to run, small chores to do or even bills to pay, and over time they can leave you feeling overwhelmed and stressed. In this session, there will be an open discussion about everyday apps and tools that participants use for reminding, scheduling and organizing. The leaders will provide tablet devices for participants, so don't worry if you don't have one with you. We will also discuss the accessibility features of today's mobile devices and explore app resources (Bridging Apps, AppleVis, Android resources, etc.) for identifying and choosing the right tools and discuss how to effectively apply them into our often busy and hectic schedules.</p>	<p>Wade Wingler-INDATA, Brian Norton-INDATA, Shawn Ehlers-National AgrAbility</p>
<p>10:30 am – 11:10 am</p>	<p>Using Agriculture as a form of Self Therapy</p> <p>The Warfighter Garden/Honor22Farms Session is based on using alternative methods of self-therapy for PTSD and TBI. (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury.) It covers Malachias' approach to self-starting, self-motivation, and self-therapy. And then about taking it to the next level and introducing the concept to fellow veterans and first responders. It focuses on Agriculture as the form and also includes music, faith, and other forms</p>	<p>Malachias Gaskin-Veteran, Warfighter Gardens, Self-Therapy PTSD centers and Honor 22 Farms</p>

	of artistic or creative expression.	
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Small Unmanned Aerial Systems for Disabled Farmers</p> <p>Attendees will learn about the sUAS with a basic introduction to what systems are available. Attendees will receive information on what the current rules and regulations are for the use of sUAS and have a presentation on the applications for the disabled farmer.</p>	Charley Jordan- Military veteran, farmer veteran, career aviator, licensed commercial sUAS operator, Adjunct Assistant Professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>Lunch Farmer/Rancher Lunch</p>	
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Breakout Sessions</p>	
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	<p>Working with your 1890 Institution</p> <p>An 1890s panel presentation and open discussion of how enhanced collaborations can be achieved to maximize AgrAbility's outreach to the clientele being served by these institutions.</p>	<p>Panelists for this session:</p> <p>Melissa Stewart - WV State William A. Crutchfield - VA State David Middleton - MO Lincoln Susan Jaster (back up) - MO Lincoln Louis Rivers, Jr. - KY State Dr. Paula Faulkner - NC A&T</p>
1:30 pm - 2:10 pm	<p>TN New Farmer Academy</p> <p>The Tennessee New Farmer Academy is a seven-month certificate program designed for those with an interest in becoming agricultural entrepreneurs. Ideal candidates for this program include those who are new to agriculture, those who wish to transition into agriculture from another field such as military service or private sector work, or those who are looking for a post-retirement opportunity. The program focuses on teaching the concepts, providing the information, and facilitating the hands-on experience needed to build solid, viable, and successful agricultural businesses</p>	Finis Stribling- TN AgrAbility
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	<p>*Unconferencing Session- Upgrading the Work Assessment Tool</p> <p>This unconferencing session will examine the current NAP Worksite Assessment Tool and develop recommendations for simplifying and updating the tool for AgrAbility staff. It will examine the feasibility and usefulness of mobile versions and developing an app.</p>	Steve Swain- National AgrAbility

<p>1:30 pm – 2:10 pm</p>	<p>Farmer Veterans Panel</p> <p>This panel of farmer veterans will discuss their personal histories and the reason(s) that they currently farm; how they started their farming enterprises and the resources that were helpful to them; barriers and frustrations they faced along the way; farming with disabilities, and more! We will open the discussion up for questions at the end of the presentations.</p>	
<p>2:20 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Two Studies: AgrAbility Experimental-Control Group Differences & AgrAbility Demographic Findings</p> <p>From previous program evaluation with 399 AgrAbility clients, we found that there were no differences in type of disability and Quality of Life (QOL) levels (Jackman, Fetsch & Collins, 2016). We also found in a study of 191 AgrAbility participants in 10 states that their Independent Living and Working Levels (ILW) and QOL levels improved ($p < .001$) (Fetsch, Jackman & Collins, 2016). Finally, we found in an experimental-control group study that AgrAbility participants (N =215) reported statistically significant presurvey-postsurvey improvements in QOL levels while control group participants (N =100) reported no change in QOL levels (Fetsch & Turk, 2016). We are beginning to ascertain from 25 years of AgrAbility demographic data who we serve, what their disabilities are, and much more. In this session, we will summarize the results of these latter two studies and discuss practical steps AgrAbility teams can take.</p>	<p>Robert Fetsch- CO AgrAbility</p>
<p>2:20 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Farming Financially- Planning for a Profit</p> <p>Successful farming requires more than a bountiful crop and production knowledge. The process of goal setting, business planning, and budgeting is as important for new and beginning farmers as it is for experienced agricultural producers</p>	<p>Adam Hopkins- UT Extension- Farm Management Area Specialist- Manage Program</p>
<p>2:20 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Assistive Technology to Prevent Secondary Injury in Aging Farmers</p> <p>The average age of farmers nationwide is in the</p>	<p>Ned Stoller- MI AgrAbility</p>

	<p>mid-50's. As workers age, they are faced with increasing rates of arthritis, back pain, decreased strength/endurance, hearing impairments and other medical conditions. These conditions increase the likelihood of slips and falls, being pushed by fast-moving livestock, accidents with machinery and other dangers. Assistive technology can help mitigate the impact of aging conditions and help older farmers work with more safety. The older farm workers often have the most experience and best judgment for business decisions. When an older worker sustains a secondary injury, it disrupts the flow of farm work, costs significant financial resources to pay medical bills, and removes a major player in the farm business from the day-to-day operations. The cost of assistive technology and safety is significantly less than the expense of injury on the farm.</p>	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
3:30 pm – 4:10 pm	<p>Who Gains the Most from AgrAbility? What Works Best to Enhance Our Clients' Quality of Life and Independent Living and Working Levels—A New Case Studies Project</p> <p>This session will begin by briefly reviewing previous research findings. Participants will then be invited to draw on their professional experiences in targeting and shaping a future research study that examines changes in AgrAbility clients' QOL levels. Finally, using the ideas generated from both our recent research and from today's discussion, participants will discuss ways of improving their work and will generate possible questions we could ask to reveal specific reasons for QOL changes.</p>	<p>Robert Fetsch-CO AgrAbility, Paige Tidwell-Institute on Human Development & Disability, The UG College of Family and Consumer Sciences</p>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>You Snooze, You WIN!</p> <p>Are you wired and tired? Having trouble sleeping? Not only does lack of sleep affect your mental and physical health, it messes with your ability to think clearly and make good decisions to stay safe while you work. As a result, injuries on the farm or ranch can happen more frequently. Learn tricks to get better sleep for a safer, happier, more active you.</p>	<p>Emily Freudenburg -NE AgrAbility Susan Harris-Broomfield-NE AgrAbility</p>

<p>3:30 pm – 4:10 pm</p>	<p>*Unconferencing Session- Developing a Statement of Values and Code of Values for AgrAbility</p> <p>Unconferencing session which explores the need for, and development of, a Statement of Values and Code of Values for AgrAbility. Essential questions explored to provoke thought and stimulate discussion.</p>	<p>Robert Turner- National AgrAbility</p>
<p>3:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Agriculture and Veterans: Gaining Ground</p> <p>Approximately 17% of the U.S. population lives in rural areas, but rural residents account for 44% of our military. Today's conflicts are different and the impact on our service members and their families goes beyond the battlefield. Many of our brave men and women are reintegrating into our rural, agricultural communities with scars that are not just physical, but behavioral, emotional, and spiritual - behaviors change; relationships are altered and families are impacted. Veterans are returning from war to their farms, ranches, and rural communities with disabilities such as traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorders. Support through USDA programs for Beginning and Veteran Farmers / Ranchers are available to help start up agricultural entrepreneurship and agribusinesses. This session will inform participants about 1) opportunities for veterans with interests in becoming involved in agriculture and 2) resources to assist veterans who want to engage in traditional agriculture and non-traditional agricultural entrepreneurship and agribusinesses. Examples of efforts in Missouri and other states will be shared. Resource materials developed by Veterans for Veterans will be provided.</p>	<p>Karen Funkenbusch- MO AgrAbility, Maureen Cunningham, Brain Injury Association of Missouri</p>
<p>4:20 pm – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Tracking 2015 Work-Related Farm Injuries in Michigan</p> <p>In 2015, Michigan initiated surveillance system of farm injuries in Michigan. Discharge summaries and ED evaluations from all 136 of Michigan's hospitals/emergency departments (EDs) with specific ICD-9 (E861.4, E866.5, E950.6) and ICD-10 (T65.0-.1, V80, Y92.7, W55.1-.4, W30) codes were reviewed to identify work-related farm injuries. We identified 678 work-related and 1,408 non work-related farm injuries in 2015. There were an additional 16 agricultural fatalities. Eight individuals</p>	<p>Joanna Kica- MI AgrAbility</p>

	<p>had two separate agricultural injury incidents. Data was not available on illnesses such as heart disease or stroke requiring hospitalizations or ED visits. Information about the Michigan AgrAbility Program was mailed to ten farmers whose injury suggested they would have ongoing serious impairment. Demographics of injured farm workers, occupation type, part of body injured, medical encounter type, injury source, and type of farm will be presented</p>	
4:20 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Social Media and Digital Outreach for AgrAbility Programs</p> <p>Is your social media and digital outreach strategy working for your AgrAbility project? Join us to discuss how to begin or advance your social media and digital strategies to help your program reach more. Topics covered will include the benefits of social media and digital marketing for AgrAbility programs, how to implement simple, yet effective strategies, and ways to analyze those strategies to ensure it is working for your program.</p>	Abi Jensen and Brian Luck- WI AgrAbility
	Dinner on your own	

Wednesday, March 22nd

Times	Activity	Lead Presenter(s)
7:00 am – 8:15 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakout Sessions	
8:30 am – 9:10 am	<p>Farming with a disability: Perspectives of minority farmers in Eastern North Carolina</p> <p>The session will discuss research findings of the perceptions, needs, access and knowledge of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in Eastern North Carolina. The objective of the research was to determine the disability-associated needs of minority farmers in NC, whether they had information about available services; obstacles to accessing services; types of services needed; and methods of improving access to services. In this exploratory study, gathered information from minority farmers through four focus groups with African American, Latino farmers, Native American</p>	Ari Mwachofi and Robin Tutor-Marcon- North Carolina Agromedicine Institute & Brody School of Medicine, NC AgrAbility

	<p>farmers and with women farmers in Eastern North Carolina. The discussions were be taped, transcribed, and analyzed using Nvivo – a qualitative data analysis package.</p> <p>The study found that minority farmers have different perceptions about disability, are unaware of services available, and of methods of accessing such services. The study also found that income eligibility requirements systematically exclude farmers from accessing VR services in North Carolina.</p>	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Farmland Forever Through a Land Trust</p> <p>This presentation will be a powerpoint with an explanation of what land trusts do and then set up a large white board-4' x 6'- to show how the income tax deduction works.</p>	Gary Moore- The Land Trust for TN, Anne McKinney- Attorney
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>*Unconferencing* Sustainability for AgrAbility Programs</p> <p>Government funding is not a promise, and increases in funding are not likely to match increased expenses. Learn about resources such as in-kind support, volunteer staff, or shared resources, and how they can play a role in your success and sustainability.</p> <p>This unconferencing session will also allow for idea-sharing among participants. Share your ideas, your challenges, and what has worked! Learn from others as they share their stories.</p>	JoBeth Rath and Tess McKeel- Goodwill of the Finger Lakes and National AgrAbility
8:30 am – 9:10 am	<p>Coops for Troops- Getting Veteran farmers started with Coops</p> <p>Coops for Troops will provide chickens, a coop, a starter pack of feed and supplies to returning veterans, the families of deployed military personnel, military schools, and VA hospitals and retirement homes. Chickens have been shown to be great therapy animals...they promote bonding and responsibility, provide companionship and entertainment and can reduce stress and anxiety. We know they can make a difference for those who feel isolated, depressed, anxious and alone.</p>	Brad Hauter-Faded Jeans Productions/Coops for Troops
9:20 am – 10:00 am	<p>Core Competencies</p> <p>AgrAbility staff members come from a wide range of backgrounds with a variety of strengths. Some specialize in agriculture, some in rehabilitation, and</p>	Brian French- Washington State University

	<p>still others in things like marketing or case management. So what are the basic skills that AgrAbility staff members need? This session will provide information and elicit input from attendees about the content and the dissemination strategies for the NAP's Core Competency Initiative.</p>	
9:20 am – 10:00 am	<p>Emerging Technological Solutions for Farmers with Disabilities</p> <p>Current and future technologies, already incorporated in the automobiles and industrial settings can also be used in agriculture to reduce exposure to injury and health issues. For farmers with disabilities it can reduce the incidence of secondary injury and provide methods to improve their ability to continue farming practices with reduced risk. Voice-controls, GPS tracking and autonomous and semi-autonomous equipment can make farming much easier for elderly farmers and farmers with moderate to severe disabilities. This session will discuss these new and emerging technologies.</p>	Glen Raines-University of Georgia
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
10:30 am – 11:10 am	<p>What to Expect When Working with VR</p> <p>Vocational Rehabilitation is a valuable resource to help individuals meet their employment goals. In Missouri, VR services for people with visual disabilities are delivered by a state agency called Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB). Jim Brinkmann, District Supervisor Missouri Rehabilitation Services for the Blind will briefly discuss the regulations governing the federally-mandated vocational rehabilitation program and how it pertains to farmers and ranchers. He will also share information about how an AgrAbility Program can develop a working relationship with VR rehabilitation counselors, Clients and AgrAbility staff members. Lee Howerton, Missouri Farmer and AgrAbility Client will talk about how and when the VR process was used (or not used) along with his successful outcomes.</p>	Jim Brinkman- MO Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Lee Howerton- MO farmer and AgrAbility Client, Karen Funkenbusch- MO AgrAbility
10:30 am – 11:10 am	<p>Beginning Farmer Program and Succession Planning</p>	Paul Leverenz and Brian Luck- WI AgrAbility

	<p>A grant from the USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program provided funding for a three-year project, Securing Beginning Farmers Through Succession Planning. The project addresses the need of Wisconsin farmers who do not have succession plans in place, estimated at 56% of farmers over the age of 55, to ensure the successful transition of farm operations to the next generation of beginning farmers. The purpose of this session is to inform state AgrAbility programs on the current project outcomes and information to help strengthen or develop succession and transition planning services provided.</p>	
10:30 am – 11:10 am	<p>Using the HAAT Model to Identify Appropriate Assistive Technology</p> <p>The Human Activity Assistive Technology (HAAT) model is a systematic framework to evaluate assistive technology needs. There is a serious problem with abandoned assistive technology because of incomplete evaluations. Many times assistive technology is purchased for a worker before the big picture is understood. A funder or assistive technology professional might quickly assume that a certain wheelchair or device will help someone do necessary tasks. However, without understanding the person’s culture, emotions, finances, abilities, work environment, and activities it is impossible to make good AT recommendations. This session will emphasize the need to fully evaluate a worker’s situation to increase the likelihood of the AT being used successfully.</p>	Ned Stoller- MI AgrAbility
10:30 am – 11:10 am	<p>Urban Gardens: People, Places, and Partnerships</p> <p>How does urban gardening fit the mission of AgrAbility? Does the garden have to be an income producer, or can lessons learned in the garden be applied to your work with rural clients? This session will consider the partnerships, people and places involved in urban and community gardening, and the benefits and obstacles of collaboration. At the end of the session, participants will have ideas for how to leverage their networks and expertise to develop a plan for urban or community gardens.</p>	Laura Agkerman, Dee Jepsen, Lisa Pfeifer- OH AgrAbility
11:20 am – 12:00 pm	General Session	Mike Alston , Acting Deputy

	<p>U.S. Government Program Updates for Veterans and Military Transition Panel</p> <p>Learn about the Transition Assistance Program, a commitment across the DoD and its interagency partners to provide information and training to transitioning Service members to ensure they depart Active Duty prepared for their next step in life. Learn the process the DoD and its interagency partners take to provide a quality, evidence-based program that affords Service members the time and resources throughout their military careers to prepare to succeed in both their military and post-military career goals. Collaborations with public- and private-sector organizations that provide transitioning Service Members with career and training opportunities to help them thrive as veterans will be discussed. Each panelist will welcome audience questions.</p>	<p>Undersecretary Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and Military Veteran Agricultural Liaison for USDA Dr. Karin Orvis, Acting Director, Transition to Veteran Program Office, Department of Defense Jaime Wood, Director, Policy & Engagement, Office of Veterans Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration</p>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Viewing of “The Next Mission” video</p>	
1:30 pm- 3:00 pm	<p>Breakout Sessions</p>	
1:30 pm- 3:00 pm	<p>International Panel</p> <p>Learn how farmers with disabilities are being served around the world. Specific case studies will be presented and overviews of how rehabilitation services are provided will be addressed. This session will be especially interesting to folks who are interested in an international dimension of rehabilitation programs for rural and farm families.</p>	<p>Bill Field- National AgrAbility</p>
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Assistive Technology Show and Tell</p> <p>This session will be a show-and-tell with various suppliers of assistive technologies applicable to farmers and ranchers with disabilities.</p>	<p>Steve Swain- National AgrAbility</p>
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	<p>Using The International Classification of Functioning to enhance your program</p> <p>This session will explore the concepts of functioning,</p>	<p>Derrick Stowell, MS, CTRS, HTR-UT Gardens</p>

	<p>disability and health and how that can impact one's vocation. We will then look at the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning and see how this resource can be utilized in an agriculture/horticulture vocational setting. The ICF Core Set for Vocational Rehabilitation (ICF-VR) can assist us in understanding barriers for tasks associated with work. Results from using ICF-VR can help develop plans for improving overall functioning and allow farmers/workers to get back to doing what they do best, farm. The University of Tennessee Gardens has developed vocational training programs with four programs serving youth and young adults with disabilities. Examples of these programs will be discussed during the presentation. This session will be hands on and participants will get an opportunity to take part in a horticulture activity to practice using the ICF Core Set for Vocational Rehabilitation</p>	
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	<p>Planning and Maintaining a Useful Farm Shop</p> <p>The shop is often a major hub of a farming or ranching operation. Learn how to plan or adapt space for a farm shop. The presentation will include a discussion of typical tasks performed in farm shops as well as essential equipment, power tools, hand tools and shop supplies.</p>	Dick Brzozowski- ME AgrAbility
2:20 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Mental Challenges of Farming with a Brain Injury</p> <p>Running an independent business, such as a farm, is a challenge for a healthy person let alone a person with a brain injury. The multiple facets of such an endeavor make it hard for a person with diminished memory capacity to accomplish without some sort of help. I try to use some of the things I learned in the RUSK program and things I learned while in college to help me keep all my information in order. I am also learning of many other devices available to keep us safe out on the farm.</p>	Blaine Kemna- Farmer and MO AgrAbility Client and Karen Funkenbusch- MO AgrAbility
2:20 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Market Farm and Garden Assistive Technology</p> <p>Many people with medical impairments have small tracts of land that they use to grow vegetables and produce to sell at farm markets. The physical labor involved in seeding, propagating, planting, weeding, watering, pruning, harvesting, washing, marketing produce and then cleaning up the field for next year is intense. It is rewarding work and can be</p>	Ned Stoller- MI AgrAbility

	financially profitable, but the physical effort required can prohibit the worker from being successful. Assistive technology and growing methods can enable the worker to be independent on the farm, and have a greater likelihood of success.	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>AgrAbility and Vocational Rehabilitation: Working Together to Help Missouri Farmers and Ranchers Choose Agriculture as a Viable Vocation</p> <p>Vocational Rehabilitation is a valuable resource to help individuals meet their employment goals. In Missouri, VR services for farmers and ranchers with visual disabilities are delivered by a state agency called Rehabilitation Services for the Blind. Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and Missouri AgrAbility have collaborated to provide services to farmers and ranchers for the past fifteen years. This session will focus on issues related to eligibility, the basics on business plans for an agricultural entrepreneurship, agribusiness, or farming/ranching operation as it begins, changes or expands, and what rehabilitation counselors need from AgrAbility staff in order to best serve Client needs. Presenters will review the process they use in their state to facilitate developing a viable plan; assessing a client's need; and recommending support by the VR counselor Client and AgrAbility staff. Case studies will be presented to show how and when the VR process was used (or not used) along with successful outcomes.</p>	James Brinkmann- MO Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Karen Funkenbusch-MO AgrAbility, David Middleton- MO AgrAbility
3:30 pm – 4:10 pm	<p>Using LED Lighting on AgrAbility Farmsteads</p> <p>The session will present information about sight impairment and the use of LED lighting for agriculture applications. Besides functionality of the technology, there is also a cost savings with these fixtures which will be examined. This session will highlight various farmstead facilities and equipment to focus on the practical application of LED's on the farm.</p>	Charlie Landis and Dee Jepsen- OH AgrAbility
3:30 pm - 4:10 pm	Keeping Kids Safe on the Farm	Leilani Carlson and Dick Brzozowski- ME AgrAbility

	<p>Brief session description: In the United States, a child dies in an agriculture-related incident every 3 days, and each day, 33 children are injured. Based on the statistics, farm machinery has made agriculture more dangerous for kids, but safe and age-appropriate farm tasks are good for kids. Agriculture offers many opportunities for them to develop work skills while gaining an appreciation for farming and related industries. Come learn more about how to keep kids safe on the farm.</p>	
3:30 pm – 4:10 pm	<p>Managing Risks of On-farm Poultry Processing</p> <p>We will discuss USDA exemptions for on-farm poultry processing, labeling requirements and facility, equipment and operating costs for poultry processing. We will also discuss some regulatory and food safety considerations</p>	Hal Pepper- UT Center for Profitable Agriculture
4:20 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Universal Design on the Farm: Planning for Safety and Efficiency</p> <p>Bad design disables. Good design enables. Universal design is an approach to the way we live and work. It's goal is to design tools, consumer products, homes and worksites that can be used by the widest range of people, regardless of age and ability. Why is it important?</p>	Ellen Gibson- Goodwill Industries of Northern New England and Ketra Crosson- Alpha One
4:20 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living</p> <p>Independent Living (IL) is not about doing things by yourself, but about having choices how things are done. In rural America, we understand the value of a community and helping out your fellow farmers, ranchers, and neighbors when needed. That is the foundation of IL-drawing upon the strengths and experiences of the disability community. Learn about the organization of APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living), the Independent Living philosophy and how we are partnering with AgrAbility. Find out how you may be able to find, partner with, or benefit from Centers for Independent Living (CIL) and/or Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) in your area including reaching and engaging rural youth with disabilities.</p>	Sierra Royster- APRIL
4:20 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>I have ___ acres. What do I do with it?</p>	Steve Swain- National AgrAbility

	<p>As AgrAbility professionals, we have been asked this question. It might have been from a client looking to change enterprises or it could be from a veteran wanting to farm and does not know what to do with the assets he has. This session will examine the process and use a decision tree to guide our clients. It will provide links to business planning resources, enterprise budgets, and extension publications</p>	
<p>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Banquet and Auction</p> <p>Keynote Speaker- Ashlee Lundvall</p> <p>Since a paralyzing ranching accident in 1999, Ashlee has been redefining her life. She is a champion for change in the many organizations she works with, encouraging everyone to live to the fullest. A natural outdoorswoman and adventurer with a powerful message of adaptability and perseverance, she energizes audiences around the country with her humor and authentic personal stories.</p> <p>Passionate about accessible outdoor recreation, she lives in Cody, Wyoming with her husband and daughter. Depending on the season, Ashlee can be found camping, kayaking, hunting, fly fishing, or hand cycling while making a difference in board rooms, consulting businesses and mentoring newly injured patients and their families.</p>	

Thursday, March 23rd

Times	Location	Activity
7:15am – 8:00 am	Holiday Inn – World’s Fair Park Entrance	Breakfast
7:45 am - 8:00 am	Holiday Inn – World’s Fair Park Entrance	Load Bus for Hydroponics, Organics, Value-added Agriculture and More!

8: 15 am - 8:30 am	Holiday Inn – World’s Fair Park Entrance	Load Bus for AT at UT tour
8:30 am – 11:30 am		<p>Offsite Tour- Discover AT at UT Welcome from Chancellor Cross, University of TN Institute of Agriculture</p> <p>Participants will spend the day discovering Assistive Technology and tools as well as assessing worksites while on the UT campus. AT vendors will provide details on products, and opportunities to test them out and see them in action. Worksite Assessment activities will be woven into the day, providing participants with real opportunities for looking at the best alternatives to meet client needs and discuss options others may have utilized.</p>
11:45 am- 12:15 pm		Lunch at UT
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm		Continuation of AT at UT
3:30 pm- 3:45 pm		Load Bus
4:00 pm		Arrive back at Holiday Inn
		Offsite Tour- Hydroponics, Organics, Value-added Agriculture and More! (Half-Day Option)
9:00 am- 10:30 am		<p>Tour Seven Springs Farm to Table- in Union County, TN is a multigenerational diversified farm business specializing in blueberries, muscadines, sweet corn, green beans, and other garden produce. They also raise all natural Angus beef and pork. They sell from the farm and at farmers markets. Tour will include the winery and vineyard, beef operation, farm store, and a custom Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).</p>
10:30 am- 10:40 am		Load bus
11:30 am -	UT Campus	Drop off at Hollingsworth Auditorium for Lunch (full day)

12:15 pm		group)
11:45 pm - 11:55 pm	Holiday Inn- World's Fair Park Entrance	Drop off at Hotel (half day group)
12:15 pm 12:25 pm		Load Bus
12:35 pm – 2:05 pm		<p>East Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center (ETREC) Organic Crops Unit - Seven miles south of UT's Agriculture Campus, this 90-acre farm has 21 acres under production and 14 of those acres are certified organic. This farm provides land, equipment, and support for faculty and graduate students to conduct research, with a primary emphasis on sustainable and organic crop production. Additionally, there is an organic internship program at the farm, where undergraduate students get experience in all aspects of being a small, diversified vegetable grower. We will tour the seven high tunnels at the farm, featuring two research projects utilizing tomatoes. The aim of the first project is to investigate thermal protection strategies in high tunnels to extend the growing season without costly heaters. The second project involves evaluating the costs, benefits and ecosystem services of cover crops in year-round high tunnel production systems. There is also a newly renovated packing facility on the farm as well.</p> <p>http://east.tennessee.edu/organic_crops_unit.asp</p>
2:05 pm- 2:15 pm		Load bus
2:20 pm- 3:35 pm		<p>King's Hydrofarm - This local organic CSA farm has been in business since 2007, utilizing hydroponic technology to grow fresh produce year round. Grow towers and traditional farming using organic methods and almost exclusively heirloom seeds, generate quality product popular with local restaurants, farmers markets and individuals at their U-pick operation</p>
3:35 pm- 3:45 pm		Load bus