Opening the Eyes of Many
Farming with a Visual Impairment

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NC AgrAbility Partnership Project
Maine AgrAbility Program
Grove Cattle Company
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North Carolina AgrAbility Partnership Project

- Funded in October 2011
- Four Year of the Second Grant
- Serving all 100 NC counties
- Involves Collaborative partnership
  - Land grant universities
  - Nonprofit disability service organizations.
Service Process

- AT Resources
- NC AgrAbility
- DSB

Pre Assessment Farm Visit

- NCATP
- Agromedicine
- Disability Partners
- NC Assistive Technology Program
- NCDHHS – Division of Services for the Blind
- NC Conference for the Visual Impaired and Blind
  - Early Learning Sensory Support Program for Children with Visual Impairment (ELSSP/VI)
  - Governor Morehead School for the Blind (GMS)
  - NC Central University Visual Impairment Teacher Program Training program
  - NC Department of Public Instruction Sensory Support and Assistive Technology (NCDPI)
  - National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
  - Friends of the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
  - UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences

Resources
Agrability
National Training Workshop 2018

The Johnson Universal Farm

N.C. A&T Extension with N.C. A&T Landscape Architecture
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Lessons Learned

- Advocating for the needs of farmers with disabilities
- Learning about the services provided by other organizations
- Bring all parties together to learn together
1. Intake and Pre Assessment

2. NC AgrAbility

3. Farm Visit

- Farmer
- NCATP
- DSB
- Extension Agent
- NC Agromedicine Institute
- APRIL or CIL

Manager

Farm Assessment Consumer Report
AT Report
Purchase of recommended technology
"I don't need eyesight to have vision."
Ron H.
"It's all an experiment, I don't learn as much from success as I do from failure."

Ron H.

Photos by Ellen Gibson
“Plucking” the trellis wires helps Ron locate the dried pods audibly.
GROVE CATTLE COMPANY
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Texas Long Horn Cattle
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