

# MISSOURI VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Mission: Empowering people with disabilities through employment

Vision: Transforming lives through a great VR experience for  
everyone

# Missouri FARM SERVICES TEAM

- Karri Wilson - VR Regional Manager and farmer
- Rob Zirfas - VR District Supervisor and farm experience
- Ray Drake - Previous VR employee and farmer

Team Duties - point of contact for AgrAbility staff, consult with VR Counselor, visit farm, review assessment reports and financial records, conduct training for VR staff

# MO VR and AgrABILITY a partnership of SUCCESS

- MO VR values the AgrAbility project and recognizes the resources and expertise offered by the program to Missouri farmers and ranchers
- Fee for service agreement - MO VR authorizes funds to AgrAbility for an on-site farm assessment
- Training - VR and AgrAbility conduct training for VR staff
- VR and AgrAbility attend events together - Missouri Farm Show



# Why does the partnership work???

- 1: shared mission and common values
- 2: open and instant communication
- 3: sit down meetings to discuss issues or concerns
- 4: joint farm visits
- 5: AgrAbility provides a quality product and report
- 6: friendship

# How do MO Farmers and Ranchers benefit?

- Examples of services provided/funded by VR: on site farm assessments, ATV, gate openers, bale bed, cattle panels, truck modification, hand controls for equipment, Life Essentials Lift, all terrain wheel chair, dog training, consultation and guidance and counseling
- Number of Missouri Farmers Served by VR in 2018: 40
- Dollars Spent: \$359,000.00
- Number of successful employment outcomes for farmers: 40

# MO Farm Team: FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE

- 1: Continue to serve Mo farmers and ranchers
- 2: Continue strong partnership with AgrAbility and other agricultural groups
- 3: Develop written guidance specific to farm services in an effort to ensure program longevity
- 4: Develop and grow the next generation VR farm team