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 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