

Breaking Down Barriers for Veterans in Agriculture



The National AgrAbility Project has provided vital education, technical assistance, and support to farmers and ranchers with disabilities for over 30 years. Recognizing the physical and emotional challenges often faced by military veterans upon returning to civilian life, AgrAbility supports all military veterans who are



interested in transitioning into farming or other agriculture careers. No matter what branch of the military you served, farming or ranching could be your next mission.

AgrAbility's services to veterans include:

- **Technical assistance**
- **Educational programs for beginning and experienced agriculturalists**
- **Agriculture and business resources**
- **Disability support and resources**
- **Networking with fellow veterans**



Veterans are self-disciplined, mission-oriented, hardworking, and dedicated. Agriculture offers them a transition into civilian life, healing from challenges faced during service, and a fulfilling career.

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AgrAbility maintains strong ties with the **Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC)**, a national nonprofit seeking to create a new generation of farmers and food leaders by helping veterans pursue careers in agriculture and offering them a new purpose on America's farms. Its in-house programs include annual equipment grants, the Homegrown By Heroes branding label for veteran-grown products, and conferences that provide resources to enhance veterans' farming pursuits. Since over half its membership has a service-related disability, FVC partners closely with AgrAbility to support these farmer veterans.

Visit **Farmvetco.org** and **AgrAbility.org** for more information.



"I think farming is a great opportunity for veterans because we're not afraid of hard work and we won't quit..."

James Jeffers, US Army



"With the help of AgrAbility, I've been able to get resources and find ways to make my disability (which is transverse myelitis— inflammation of the spinal cord), to make my life and daily activities go a lot simpler."

Keith Raspberry, US Army

"As military veterans, we're always looking for that next mission, and with farming I think that mission is to provide healthy food to our communities!"

Sara Creech, US Air Force



Meet these farmer-veterans and discover agricultural resources and opportunities for all veterans!



Check out our website and view the video *The Next Mission: Breaking Down Barriers for Veterans in Agriculture*.

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