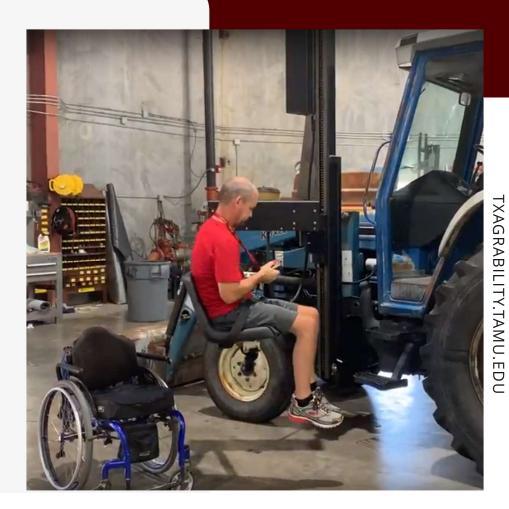




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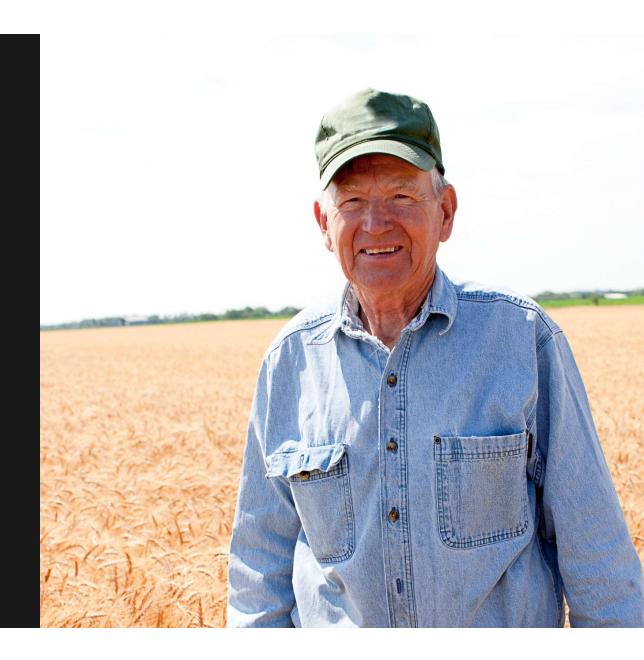
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Contract for Assessments

- Formalized farm/ranch assessment protocol & recommendation report
- Includes OT and engineer
- Purchase order to cover travel cost
- Business planning





Challenges

- Time
- Paperwork
- Justification of \$ spent with limited income shown on tax return
- Beginning farmers & ranchers

Successes

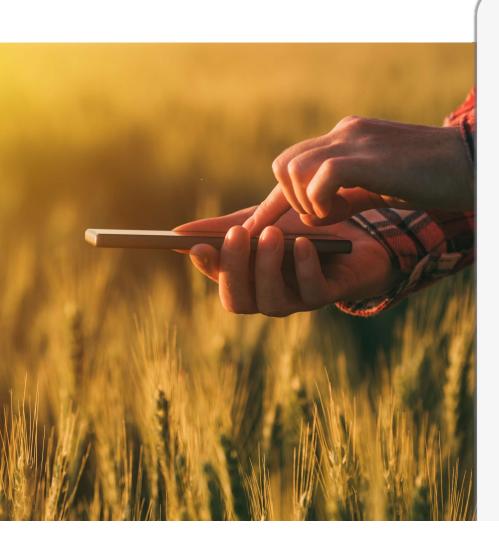
- Approved for virtual assessments
- Equipment cost exemption for client above basic living requirement
- Support for client moving into full time farming from 8-5 job
- Reimbursement option for purchasing equipment





What we've learned

- Set realistic expectations
- Help the clients stay accountable
- Include the VR counselor at the assessment if at all possible



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