

Agricultural Worksite Assessments

AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians provides agricultural worksite assessments for farmers and agricultural workers. If you are planning to attend an AgrAbility assessment, please review the following information and properly prepare.

What to Expect:

Each assessment is unique but on average prepare for:

- 2-3 hour length.
- Informal, yet detailed evaluation.
- Majority of time spent outdoors or in farm buildings.
- May walk through mud, manure and over rough terrain.
- May be near livestock.
- Farmer may continue performing farm tasks.
- Occurs rain or shine.

If you have accessibility concerns, please contact our staff or the farmer ahead of time.

Personal Safety at the Farm

Assessments occur in active worksites that may include livestock and equipment in operation.

- Stay away from all running equipment.
- Ask before approaching or touching livestock.
- Be alert when walking on various surfaces at the farm to avoid possible slip and trip hazards
- Thoroughly wash your hands and footwear after the farm visit.
- If you feel unsafe, speak up!

If you have specific safety concerns, please contact our staff ahead of time.



What to Wear:

- Prepare to be outdoors, in farm buildings and around livestock.
- Wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty.
- Wear closed-toe shoes or boots. Boots which can be washed off are preferred.
- Dress for the weather which may include hats, gloves, rain coats, etc.
- Bring a spare change of clothes and shoes.

Additional Tips:

- Know where to meet. Assessments usually start at the house or farm office, but check the meeting location prior to the visit.
- You may be met by the farm dog, contact the farmer ahead of time if this is a concern for you.
- If you have questions about something you see, such as a sick animal, a specific farm practice, a safety concern or general farm information, please ask the farmer or AgrAbility staff.

Biosecurity:

Many agricultural worksites implement practices to prevent the spread of pests and diseases. You may be asked to:

- Wear plastic booties;
- Wash your shoes off;
- Wash your hands;
- Sign-in to a guest log; and
- Some buildings or areas may be entirely closed to visitors.

You should always wash your hands after a farm visit. Always wash or disinfect your shoes between farms.



These simple preparations and precautions ensure a safe and successful worksite assessment for everyone involved. We value your participation and hope you will join us for an assessment soon.

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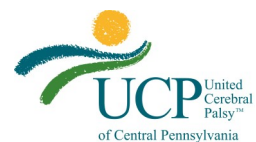
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