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Cultivating Accessible Agriculture

Resilience is essentially the ability to bounce back. One dictionary defines it as, “the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.” Sounds like a lot of the farmers and ranchers AgrAbility serves.

A person’s resilience can mean the difference between continuing to grow in the midst of adverse circumstances or being crushed by them. So, what are the keys to channeling this critical trait? Google provides a myriad of suggestions, but some of the more commonly cited catalysts of resilience include strong relationships, focusing on future goals, acceptance of change, and flexible thinking. Resilient people aren’t necessarily heroes; they’re just able to muster the drive and resources to adapt and keep moving forward.

If you’d like to see a portrait of resilience, check out Laurie Hayn’s story at agrability.info/hayn. While helping with corn harvest in 2018, she was caught in the head of a combine and lost her left arm and leg. With resources from AgrAbility and Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation, combined with her faith and her family’s support, Laurie bounced back quickly into farming and is now sharing hope with others, such as through her keynote address at the 2023 AgrAbility National Training Workshop (NTW).

Another keynote speaker – this one at the Amputee Coalition’s 2023 national conference, where AgrAbility was a presenter and exhibitor – also spoke about and personified resilience. Amy Purdy lost both legs below the knee to bacterial meningitis at the age of 19.

However, through resilience, she eventually became a Paralympic medalist in snowboarding and a second-place finisher on *Dancing with the Stars*. She challenged the audience with this question: “If your life was a book and you were the author, how would you want your story to go?” She added that obstacles can either stop us in our tracks or force us to be creative. In Amy’s story, she has made adversity her ally and achieved greater things after incurring disabilities than she dreamed of before them.

Noted author C.S. Lewis is credited with these words: “Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.” While our AgrAbility clients might not achieve public fame, each has his or her own destiny, and we as AgrAbility staff are thankful to be in the business of helping them reach full potential.

To help socially disadvantaged populations, including people with disabilities, bounce back from past discrimination, USDA has instituted the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program for those who may have experienced discrimination in obtaining USDA loans. AgrAbility is helping spread the word about this program, and this issue of AgrAbility Harvest contains a special insert regarding it.



Laurie Hayn on the farm



Laurie speaking at the NTW

A Closer Look

A Moonlit Family Affair

by Cheryl Tevis¹



Doug and Sonja Jones with their modified skid loader

Tiffany Jones is the fifth generation to generate income from the farm nestled in the mitten of Michigan, near Falmouth. Her parents Sonya and Doug anchor this multi-generational operation, along with support from Tiffany's sister Chelsea Smith, her husband Jordan, and their children – the sixth generation – who live down the road.

"I garden in the same place as my great-grandparents, and walk some of the same fence lines," Tiffany says. "Some of the fruit is from a tree planted before I was born."

The Jones family not only faces the formidable challenge of operating a diverse 40-acre farm in today's large-scale monoculture agriculture. They're also working around the physical challenges of individual family members. To succeed, they're relying on the multi-generational knowledge of family – and a newer relationship with Michigan AgrAbility.

The farm transitioned from a dairy operation. Doug's dad, known as Buck, died when Doug was 14 years old, and the cows were sold. After Tiffany and Chelsea went to college, Doug and Sonya relied on off-farm jobs, along with a few horses, beef cattle, and garden produce.

Chelsea earned a degree in dairy management at Michigan State University. Tiffany received a B.S. in environmental biology from Ferris State University, and then traveled to Germany, where she lived for six years.

"My sister and I always planned to stay in ag," Tiffany says. But the path wasn't necessarily straightforward.

Tiffany worked at an organic farm with 5,000 laying hens and 40 head of beef cattle in northwest Germany. She also earned a master's degree in organic agriculture and food systems from the Universitat of Hohenheim in Stuttgart.

Five years ago, she moved back to Michigan. "We decided to make the farm a business again," Sonya says. Tiffany began taking organically raised produce to weekly farmer's markets in Cadillac, Houghton, and Roscommon. They rented 30 acres for hay.

To grow their market footprint, the Joneses created a memorable farm name, Moonlit Farm. "Our grandfather planted by the moon," Tiffany says.

They also revived beekeeping. Tiffany's great-grandfather kept bees, and her great-uncle had an apiary. "We had a generational knowledge," she says. They began selling honey, along with eggs from 15 free-range laying hens. After increasing from two hives to 15, Tiffany added honey soap, candles, and lip balm. She recently began selling cut and dried herbs, and they've planted a few grapevines.

Moonlit Farm raises 70 hens, ducks, geese, and turkeys. The Smiths contribute grass-fed beef and lamb, and purchased a CNC (computer numerical control) machine to create sheet metal signs and decorative items. They've also added 73 acres.

Assistive technology to the rescue

Although returning the farm to a profit center has been a labor of love, the labor seemed overwhelming in the beginning. "The farm was hard on my knees, hands, and back, due to arthritis," Sonya says. Doug also has knee pain. In 2020, Tiffany was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and had two surgeries, followed by radiation. "Thyroid is hard to regulate, so fatigue is an issue," she says.

Doug and Sonya learned about Michigan AgrAbility at the Michigan Family Farm Conference in Kalamazoo. AgrAbility helps farmers manage chronic back pain, joint injuries, amputations, spinal cord injuries, hearing loss, and other disabling conditions. It partners Michigan State University and Easterseals Michigan.

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Ned Stoller, an AgrAbility ag technology specialist and ag engineer, visited their farm in April 2020. “The foundation of the first visit is a farm tour, and learning what tasks are painful,” he says. He gave Sonya a set of wrist hooks to strengthen her grip carrying buckets.

Stoller helped the Joneses sign up as a Michigan AgrAbility client. They obtained funds to buy a blueberry rake for harvesting strawberries and blueberries. “It has fine fingers along the edge of a little box with a handle, and it plucks and drops fruit into the box,” he says. He recommended applying for a folding garden kneeler bench.

These small steps proved to the Joneses that AgrAbility could provide real benefits.

Stoller followed up by building two prototypes: (1) a squash picker and (2) grab bars for the skid loader. “The squash picker is like a pitchfork with sideways tines to harvest without bending,” he says. “I bolted telescoping grab bars onto the skid loader cab for hand support, relieving knee pressure.”

He adds, “AgrAbility likes to plant the seeds. We come up with ideas as we learn from each other. High tech is good, but I don’t go there first. I love to tinker with simple solutions. Small adaptations often add up to big improvements.”

Each box on the vertical stackable beehive weighs up to 50 pounds, and lids must be manually lifted to feed bees and check for mites. Stoller suggested a mechanical beehive lifter to relieve arthritis pain in wrists and fingers. “It’s a two-wheel dolly that eliminates lifting and twisting the back,” he says.

Doug Jones also has built labor-saving innovations, including raised beds. He designed chicken coops for easy cleaning: opening a door allows manure to be scraped onto a sloping ledge and into a skid steer bucket below. “There’s no need for a pitchfork,” Stoller says.

Agritourism is natural fit

The Joneses haven’t given up their day jobs. “We all work outside the farm, but love farming so much we can’t stop,” Tiffany says.

She’s studying to become a clinical herbalist to improve holistic health. Her newest products are herbal salves and tinctures.

Moonlit Farm held its first Midwest Bear Fest last September, featuring on-site camping, kids’ activities, and workshops on chicken butchering, beekeeping,



Ned Stoller with Tiffany Jones at the AgrAbility National Training Workshop

chainsaw maintenance, and horse-shoeing. A main meat dish was provided for a family style potluck.

The festival ties into the homesteading trend, and the traditions of Moonlit Farm. “Homesteading connects us to our ancestors,” Tiffany says. “It’s amazing to witness each generation change and adapt. We’re building for generations to come, and learning from generations past.”

Stoller adds, “It’s an honor to be a small part of the Joneses’ sustainable efforts to farm in spite of their medical conditions. AgrAbility is just one piece of the puzzle. As we keep walking alongside farmers with

disabling conditions, we can help older generations maintain their work roles longer, while the younger generations learn from them.”



Moonlit Farm displays its cornucopia of items at a farmer's market

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Tiffany and her niece tend to the beehives

AT Corner

A COLLECTION OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS IN AGRICULTURE

Orchards, Nurseries, and Vineyards

Whether you've got a few fruit trees in the back yard, a boutique winery, or a large-scale nursery, the labor can be challenging. Thankfully, there are a variety of tools to help accommodate a wide range of physical capabilities.



Pole-Mounted Fruit Picker

This harvest helper is a rubber-covered wire basket affixed to the end of a 6- to 12-foot wooden pole with a half-moon of wire fingers protruding above the basket. The fingers hook around the fruit and pull it into the basket when the user jerks the pole downward. When full, the basket is lowered to the ground and emptied. (Visit agrability.info/fruit-picker)

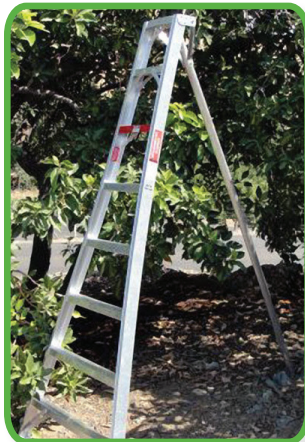
Battery-Powered Hand-Held Pruning Shears

These trigger-activated shears will reportedly clear-cut branches/vines continuously for up to 12 hours on a single charge. The blade opening is designed to automatically adjust to different-sized branches, the maximum being two inches in diameter. Housed in a belt- or vest-worn pouch, the battery connects to the tool via power cord. (Visit agrability.info/pruning-shears)



Tripod Orchard Ladders

Having a third leg makes these ladders stand alone—i.e., they don't have to be leaned against the branches. The two regular legs being farther apart at the bottom than at the top and the non-slip steps being three inches wide add stability. Sizes range from 5 to 16 feet. (Visit agrability.info/orchard-ladder)



Ratcheting Lopper

Compared to a standard two-handed lopper, a ratcheting lopper reportedly takes half the effort to trim/prune a tree, shrub, or vine. Rather than trying to lop off a branch with single squeeze, this tool's ratcheting mechanism requires the user to open/close the handle multiple times, each time cutting deeper into the branch until it drops off. (Visit agrability.info/ratcheting-loppe)



Bag-a-Nut and Stab-a-Nut Harvesters

These items utilize rubber-coated tines to gather up nuts, pine cones, fruit, etc., fallen on the ground without having to bend or stoop. There are two Bag-a-Nut models: a walk-behind and a towed version; both sweep up then deposit their cache into attached containers. The Stab-a-Nut is a long-handled tool with a tine-ribbed basket that entraps the nuts, etc., when one stabs at them. (Visit agrability.info/nut-harvester)



The Ox Powered Transporter

Having a long, 45-degree, cradle-shaped cargo bed, this four-wheeled, walk-behind device is designed to easily load, haul, and dump many different types of items (e.g., containerized or balled-in burlap trees, logs, heavy hay bales, loose or bagged materials). Its battery-powered motor can reportedly propel The Ox at a speed of three mph for up to eight hours on a single charge. (Visit agrability.info/ox)



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Special Insert



Discrimination Financial Assistance Program



Discrimination Financial Assistance Program

Have you experienced discrimination in USDA farm lending?

Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act authorized \$2.2 billion in financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who experienced discrimination in USDA Farm Loan Programs prior to January 1, 2021.

Application Deadline

- October 31, 2023
- The application is free
- Free technical assistance is available



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How to Apply

Online

Visit 22007apply.gov to access the application, e-file, and to find resources near you.

In-person

USDA DFAP local offices are a network of brick-and-mortar locations where you can connect with in-person agents for help with applications, and where you can drop off a complete application. Office hours and locations can be found at 22007apply.gov.

Get Assistance

Call Center

Telephone assistance is available. Live agents are available and eager to help with questions about applications at 1-800-721-0970, from 8 a.m. ET to 8 p.m. PT seven days a week, except for federal holidays.

Partner Organizations

USDA has ensured that groups with extensive experience conducting outreach to farm organizations are able to support individuals who may be eligible for the program. These groups include [AgrAbility](#), the [Farmer Veteran Coalition](#), [Farmers' Legal Action Group](#), [Federation of Southern Cooperatives](#), [Intertribal Agriculture Council](#), [Land Loss Prevention Program](#), [National Young Farmers Coalition](#), and [Rural Coalition](#). Applicants may also reach out to these groups for further information and assistance.



Beware of Scams

USDA is aware of some lawyers and groups spreading misleading information about this process, pressuring people to sign retainer agreements, and asking people to fill out forms with private and sensitive information. Legal representation is not required to apply for and receive financial assistance through this program.

When in doubt, check it out.

Avoid providing personal or financial information to unknown parties.

Beware of solicitations by mail, email, or phone calls from individuals claiming to be connected to USDA. USDA nor the authorized vendors will solicit you for information.

There is no fee to apply for this financial assistance.

The most current information on the process and timeline of this program can currently be found at www.22007apply.gov.

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Beware of organizations seeking to file your application for a fee.

You do not need a lawyer to file an application for financial assistance under Section 22007 of the IRA. If you feel the need for legal advice, seek the assistance of a trusted, licensed attorney.

Before the application process opens, USDA will publish a list of trusted community organizations located across the country; these organizations will provide free help completing applications.

Filing an application is free.

Beware of advance-fee scams or solicitations that promise a significant share of a large sum of money.

Report scams to the USDA Office of the Inspector General.

Beware of scams involving fake settlement or cashier's checks followed by requests to wire part of the payment to an individual disguised as an attorney.

If you believe there is an organization conducting a scam related to this process, please contact the USDA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) or any other appropriate authorities. The OIG complaint hotline can be accessed online at <https://usdaoig.oversight.gov/hotline>; OIG's phone number is **(800) 424-9121**.





Eligibility Requirements

The ability to qualify for financial assistance is available for individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination, prior to January 1, 2021, by the USDA in its farm lending programs, which are currently administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

OR

- Are currently debtors with assigned or assumed USDA farm lending debt that was the subject of USDA discrimination that occurred prior to January 1, 2021. (This applies, for example, if you inherited the debt that was the subject of USDA farm lending discrimination by USDA).

Lending Covered by the Program

- Farm Ownership Loans (FO)
- Farm Operating Loans (OL)
- Microloans (ML)
- Youth Loans (YL)
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)
- Emergency Loans (EM)
- Economic Emergency Loans (EE)
- Emergency Livestock Loans (EL)
- Soil and Water Loans (SW)
- Conservation Loans (CL)
- Softwood Timber Loans (ST)
- Grazing Loans

Note: the Program covers both USDA direct and guaranteed lending through USDA's Farm Service Agency (or its predecessor, the Farmers Home Administration)—but for applicants who participated in guaranteed loan programs, discrimination by the non-USDA lender does not qualify for this program. Only discrimination by USDA personnel in USDA lending is covered.

Types of Discrimination Covered

- Race, color, or national origin/ethnicity (including status as a member of an Indian Tribe)
- Sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity
- Religion
- Age
- Marital Status
- Disability
- Reprisal/retaliation for prior civil rights activity

How Discrimination Occurred

- Failure to provide appropriate assistance.
- Delay in processing loan or loan servicing application.
- Denial of a loan or loan servicing.
- Prevention from applying for a loan or loan servicing.
- Adverse loan terms.
- Unduly onerous supervision of loan requirements.

Loss Factors

- Loss of agricultural land.
- Loss of home, if used as collateral for a loan.
- Loss of money resulting from offsets, garnishments, or deficiency judgments imposed on an individual because of defaulting on a USDA farm loan or USDA foreclosing on a USDA Farm loan.
- Other economic loss because of discrimination by USDA in USDA lending programs.

Documentation Requirements

The Application includes step-by-step directions and a list of documents that are either required or recommended at each step.

Providing documentation, or evidence of discrimination, will help submitted applications throughout the process.

Do not include original supporting documents with your submission. Your documents will not be returned to you.



Contact any of these USDA Cooperators for Assistance with 22007 Applications:



National AgrAbility Project

agrability.org



Intertribal Agriculture Council

indianag.org



FARMER VETERAN
— COALITION —

Farmer Veteran Coalition

farmvetco.org



Land Loss Prevention Project

landloss.org



Farmers' Legal Action Group

flaginc.org



National Young Farmers Coalition

youngfarmers.org



Federation of Southern Cooperatives

federation.coop



Rural Coalition

ruralco.org

Resources for Success



AgriSafe FarmResponse® training and directory



One of National AgrAbility's subcontracting partners, AgriSafe Network, has developed FarmResponse®, an on-demand 3.5-hour continuing education course that provides training on competencies necessary to provide appropriate mental healthcare for agricultural producers and their families.

In addition, AgriSafe recently launched the FarmResponse® Provider Directory to help agricultural workers and their families connect with healthcare providers who are knowledgeable about working in agriculture and who have completed the FarmResponse® training. Users can search the directory by geographical location; provider listings include information like treatment specialties, payment types accepted, languages spoken, and whether remote telehealth is offered.

Visit www.agrisafe.org/courses/farm-response for information on the FarmResponse® course and www.agrisafe.org/farmresponse-provider for the directory.

Serving AgrAbility clients through VR

State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies are crucial to the success of farmers and ranchers with disabilities. For example, since AgrAbility cannot provide funding or equipment through its USDA grants, state VR is often the primary source for acquiring the often expensive assistive technologies that AgrAbility clients need to continue pursuing their livelihoods. However, as with any government agency, regulations can be complicated, and sometimes our farmers have trouble receiving VR services.

To help address struggles with VR-related issues, AgrAbility formed a working group in 2018 to consolidate and analyze information on these complications and suggest potential solutions. One result of this effort was the white paper “Serving Agricultural Workers with Disabilities through State Vocational Rehabilitation Services.”

It addresses issues like the needs of AgrAbility clients, their successful VR-related outcomes, and the complexities of farm finance that can make working with VR challenging.

National AgrAbility has collaborated with the Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center for Quality Employment (VRTAC-QE) to post the white paper at tacqe.com/agricultural-workers-served-by-vr. Also, tacqe.com is scheduled to add a pre-recorded web module covering the white paper and related issues that features Paul Jones from National AgrAbility, Jeff Kratochwill from Wisconsin AgrAbility, and Karri Wilson, formerly of Missouri VR. State VR counselors can receive continuing education credit for viewing the module and completing the associated competency questions.



Award-winning videos

If you haven't visited National AgrAbility's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/NationalAgrAbility, you're missing nearly 300 encouraging and educational videos related to disability in agriculture. Like our webinars, the videos cover a wide range of topics.

The latest additions include the video of Laurie Hayne noted on page 1 and a companion piece on rural rehabilitation. Three recent videos won national awards from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers: “AgrAbility: Renewing Hope, Restoring Productivity with Doug VerHoeven”; “Ned Stoller: Agricultural Assistive Technology”; and “AgrAbility: Renewing Hope, Restoring Productivity with Eric Beckman.”

The channel's 55 “What AgrAbility Means to Me” videos are short testimonials of AgrAbility clients telling about the program's impact on their lives.



Doug VerHoeven

A wealth of webinars Did you know that National AgrAbility has more than 150 webinars archived at www.agrability.org/training-category/archived? Sessions are listed under 19 categories that include topics like assistive technology, vocational rehabilitation, mental/behavioral health, veterans, and financial issues. The webinars are free to watch and can be accessed at any time: all that's needed is an internet-enabled device with a web browser.



Partner Updates

Though it would be great to have AgrAbility in every state, Congress is currently only able to fund 21 state projects. Thus, as a competitive grant program, AgrAbility sees states come and go. The program welcomed three newly-funded projects during the 2022-23 grant year.



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Photo by Illinois Farm Bureau

Florida

Some might envision Florida as mainly a vacation wonderland, but it is also a major agricultural producer. The state grows large percentages of all U.S. citrus fruits, fresh market tomatoes, sweet corn, watermelons, and indoor foliage plants, among many other crops.

Over the years, National AgrAbility has received many inquiries from Florida farmers and ranchers. However, even with the scope and impact of its agriculture, the state did not have an AgrAbility project until 2022. The new Florida AgrAbility Project partners the University of Florida and the Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida. In addition to traditional farm owners/operators, Florida AgrAbility will target services to the state's significant populations of veterans, historically disadvantaged minorities, and migrant/seasonal farmworkers.

One of their unique initiatives is to collaborate with the University of Florida Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab to add a module on accessible beekeeping to its existing trainings.

The Florida team has been engaging in numerous outreach activities and recently partnered with National AgrAbility for an exhibit at the Amputee Coalition Annual Conference in Orlando.

Illinois

This midwestern agricultural powerhouse was one of the original eight AgrAbility states funded in 1991, and it has received USDA funding during approximately 20 of the 30 years that AgrAbility has existed.

For the current grant cycle, Illinois AgrAbility combines the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with these nonprofit partners: the Illinois Assistive Technology Program, which is the state's Assistive Technology Act program, and Community Health Partnership of Illinois, a health care center that provides services for the uninsured and underserved, including migrant and seasonal agricultural workers.

Boasting some of the richest farmland in the country, Illinois ranks #2 in the nation for the sale of crops, and its top commodities (and their national rankings) include soybeans (#1), corn (#2), and swine (#4). In addition, the state produces a wide range of other livestock, grains, vegetables, and specialty crops.

Illinois AgrAbility is a longtime collaborator with the National AgrAbility Project, having provided evaluation services for the NAP from 2008-16. It also serves as host for AgrAbility exhibits at the Farm Progress Show, the nation's largest outdoor farm event.





USDA photo by Lance Cheung

South Carolina

AgrAbility historians might remember that South Carolina had an AgrAbility project in the early 1990s, but it's been without AgrAbility services since then. That drought ended last year when the Clemson University Extension Service submitted a successfully funded proposal in partnership with South Carolina State University (a historically Black 1890 land-grant institution), and Able South Carolina (a center for independent living).

National AgrAbility recently partnered with South Carolina AgrAbility to hold a workshop at South Carolina State University focused on outreach to socially disadvantaged populations. The event drew a record attendance of 92 people, the most for any AgrAbility 1890 land-grant institution event. A preconference workshop was geared toward orienting new AgrAbility staff members and Extension personnel to AgrAbility's structure and services.

South Carolina has more than 25,000 farms, and approximately 2,600 are owned by members of historically-underserved populations. The state's top ag commodities include broilers, turkeys, and corn. If you're a fan of greens, South Carolina ranks either first or second nationally in production of turnip greens, collard greens, kale, and mustard greens. It also produces more peaches than any state besides California.

patchwork

AN ASSORTMENT OF SUNDRY NEWS ITEMS

AgrAbility and the Farm Bill

Anyone with a connection to agriculture likely knows that the Farm Bill is up for reauthorization this year. The current bill expires September 30, 2023, and it is uncertain when the new version will be finalized and passed. One thing is certain, however: without inclusion in the Farm Bill, AgrAbility would cease to exist as a USDA program.

The AgrAbility team is thankful that several members of Congress have expressed strong support for the program's efforts. For example, U.S. Representative Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) recently introduced the "Think DIFFERENTLY Agriculture Accessibility Act" that would expand funding for AgrAbility and enhance its ability to impact rural youth with disabilities who are interested in agriculture.

The Senate Agriculture Committee is still accepting input into the Farm Bill via www.agriculture.senate.gov/farm-bill-input.

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There's more than one way to get to work

John Hostetler works at a sawmill outside Addison, New York. He's a member of the Old Order Amish community and has been a wheelchair user for many years. Each workday he commutes five miles to the mill in a Kubota tractor he and a friend modified with a rear-mounted, battery-operated lift, modified steering, and hand controls. AgrAbility Project Director Bill Field recently visited John and tried out the lift.

It's amazing what solutions can be found if the passion is there to solve problems or to just get to work.



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ON THE HORIZON

AgrAbility's in-person training events are reaching new regions of the country



On October 17-18, 2023, National AgrAbility hosts **“Mālama the Farmer: Caring for Yourself and Each Other,”** at the **Grand Naniloa Hotel in Hawaii**. This workshop is planned in conjunction with and supported by the Western

Regional Agricultural Stress Assistance Program and the University of Hawaii, and will focus on behavioral health resources, assistive technology, preventing injury, and business planning.

The **2024 AgrAbility National Training Workshop is heading for Atlanta, Georgia** on March 25-28 at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta/Buckhead. Join hundreds of farmers, ranchers, and professionals from agriculture and rehabilitation for four days of informative breakout sessions, inspiring plenary speakers, and interesting tours.



Information on both events is available at www.agrability.org/training-events.

2023

September 12-14	Husker Harvest Days	Grand Island, NE	www.huskerharvestdays.com
September 19-21	Farm Science Review	London, OH	fsr.osu.edu
October 1-6	World Dairy Expo	Madison, WI	www.worlddairyexpo.com
October 12-14	APRIL Annual Conference	Garden Grove, CA	www.april-rural.org
October 17-18	AgrAbility Hawaii Workshop	Hilo, HI	www.agrability.org/training-events
October 17-19	Sunbelt Ag Expo	Moultrie, GA	www.sunbeltexpo.com
November 1-4	National FFA Convention	Indianapolis, IN	convention.ffa.org

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January 9-11	Keystone Farm Show	York, PA	leetradeshows.com/keystone-farm-show
February 13-15	World Ag Expo	Tulare, CA	www.worldagexpo.com
February 14-17	National Farm Machinery Show	Louisville, KY	farmmachineryshow.org
March 21-23	AOTA INSPIRE 2024 Annual Conference	Orlando, Florida	inspire.aota.org
March 25-28	AgrAbility National Training Workshop	Atlanta, GA	www.agrability.org/ntw



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