



Help Us Help You..

For more information about NC AgrAbility or our services, circle the appropriate statement(s):

- I want to refer myself or someone I know for AgrAbility services. Please contact me via the method listed on the back of this page.

I want to learn more about:

- Making a home or worksite more accessible
- Receiving on-site assistance to help with a disability
- NC AgrAbility workshops for farmers, ranchers and farmworker families with physical challenges or disabilities
- NC AgrAbility workshops for professionals who work with farmers, ranchers and farmworkers with disabilities
- Talking via telephone with another farmer or rancher with a disability
- I want to volunteer to participate in a peer support network to assist other NC AgrAbility farmers, ranchers and farmworkers with disabilities
- I have an assistive technology idea that may benefit others
- I am interested in other information found in this or other educational materials (Please list website or source and informational topic)

Do you know your NC agriculture?

North Carolina is home to more than 80 agricultural commodities, making it one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Here are a few facts that make NC agriculture so important to our state and nation:

- NC's agricultural industry contributes more than \$70 billion annually to the state's economy, making it the state's #1 industry
- Nationally, NC ranks 1st or 2nd in 9 commodities
- In 2013, there were more than 50,000 farms in NC
- More than 90% of NC farms are family owned or family incorporated farms
- Nearly 65% of NC farmers are 55 years of age or older

Farm Safety

- Farming is the most dangerous industry in the U.S.
- Children and older farmers are at highest risk for injury or death on the farm
- The average age of the American farmer is 58
- The fatality rate for farmers is 800% higher than all American workers
- Tractor rollovers are the leading cause of death on the farm
- Studies have shown that an estimated 20-30% of farmers have some kind of respiratory illness

Support Our Mission

Due to federal funding restrictions, NC AgrAbility cannot provide direct funding, assistive technology, marketing materials or equipment.

If you would like to assist our efforts through a monetary donation, please use the detachable portion of this brochure and include your check addressed to ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation with memo line "NC Agromedicine Institute Fund". For other donations or questions, feel free to call or email us.

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Assisting North Carolina's Farmers, Ranchers and Farmworkers with Disabilities



What is the NC AgrAbility Partnership?

The NC AgrAbility Partnership (NC AgrAbility) is part of the federally funded AgrAbility program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food Safety (USDA NIFA).

The AgrAbility program consists of a National Project and individually funded state or regional projects.

NC AgrAbility is a project of the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute, and is a collaborative partnership between North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina State University and various disability service organizations.



What does NC AgrAbility do?

The mission of NC AgrAbility is to educate and assist farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and their family members living with disabilities, who are engaged in production agriculture, to improve their quality of life by helping eliminate or minimize obstacles that limit independence and productivity. NC AgrAbility works to increase their likelihood of remaining actively engaged in their agricultural operation and daily life.

Our four primary goals include:

- **Direct Services** to farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and their family members living with disabilities
- **Education** to communities of interest about the challenges and needs of farming with disabilities
- **Awareness and advocacy** for individuals farming with disabilities
- **Networking** with resources to create a diverse and comprehensive partnership

Who does NC AgrAbility serve?

NC AgrAbility serves individuals who are limited by any type of physical, mental, or health-related disability, including (but not limited to):

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| • Arthritis | • Autism |
| • Amputation | • Traumatic brain injury |
| • Vision loss | • Spinal cord injury |
| • Hearing loss | • Health related conditions such as cancer, respiratory or heart disease |
| • Mobility limitations | |
| • Learning disabilities | |



How can NC AgrAbility help you?

NC AgrAbility offers the following services at no cost:

- Conducting on-site assessments to identify barriers to completing tasks in the workplace and the home
- Recommending appropriate assistive technologies (adaptive equipment, tools, and/or devices), modified work practices, and/or other possible solutions to reducing disability-related limitations
- Access to informational resources on a variety of topics related to disability and agriculture
- Education/training opportunities through workshops, conferences, seminars, and on-line programs
- Making referrals to other service providers for potential assistance (e.g., financial, rehabilitative, educational) specific to the individual's needs
- Arranging peer support opportunities to connect individuals with others who have successfully accommodated their disabilities and continued to farm

NC AgrAbility does not provide direct funding or equipment. However, NC AgrAbility works with statewide disability service organizations and other partnering agencies to assist individuals in identifying or obtaining financial assistance.

Return completed form to:
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: _____

COMMENTS OR AREA OF INTEREST: _____