

Market Farm and Garden Assistive Technology Workshop Wednesday, June 16 Noon to 1 p.m.

Many people with medical impairments have small tracts of land that they use to grow vegetables and produce to sell at farm markets. The physical labor involved is intense, but rewarding, and can be financially profitable. Assistive technology and growing methods can enable the worker to be independent on the farm, and have a greater likelihood of success.

In this free workshop, you will become familiar with common limitations of workers growing market produce on small tracts of land, learn about assistive technology that will help with accommodating common physical limitations in the market garden and see examples of market garden

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Beekeeping Assistive Technology Wednesday, June 23 Noon to 1 p.m.

Assistive technology for lifting, carrying, work positioning and material handling enables beekeepers with medical impairments to manage hives and sell honey. Arthritis, back injury, carpal tunnel syndrome, amputation, paralysis, and other medical conditions don't have to restrict beekeepers from completing necessary tasks. There are many opportunities for sideline apiaries with 20 to 200 beehives to produce honey and provide pollination services to local farms.

In this free workshop sponsored by AKAgrAbility, you will learn about beekeeping as a sideline enterprise, challenges faced by beekeepers with medical impairments and assistive technology that enables beekeepers with medical impairments to do necessary tasks.

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