

# AgrAbility e•Note

**September 2022**

*A monthly update for AgrAbility projects and friends of AgrAbility*

## National AgrAbility Project News

Remember to participate in the AgrAbility all-staff virtual meeting October 5 at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Look for a preliminary agenda and Zoom log-in information coming soon.

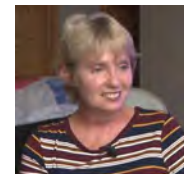
The AgrAbility/SIPI 1994 land-grant regional workshop will take place September 27 & 28 at the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) in Albuquerque, NM. The event and meals are free but you must register to attend. Lodging is not included (Some exceptions do apply. Please see the workshop agenda on the registration site.) Registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 19, 2022. [Register HERE](#).



The 2023 AgrAbility NTW will be held in Spokane, WA, March 20-23. The Google form for the call for presentations can be accessed [HERE](#) and for the call for posters [HERE](#). Exhibitors and sponsors are also needed, so please [click HERE](#) to access the exhibitor/sponsor Google form. Please feel free to share these links. If a Word version is needed to share, please contact Tess.

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The keynote speaker for the 2023 NTW is Laurie Hayn. She is an Indiana AgrAbility client who lost her left arm and left leg in a combine accident in 2018. To learn a little more about Laurie, [CLICK HERE](#).



Registration is open for the regional workshop in Reno, NV!!! Join us at the Silver Legacy Resort November 29th - December 1st. The workshop will be focusing on WSA, AT, WRSAP, and Mental Health and Wellness, along with some small group discussions. A December 1st tour will visit Lattin Farms, Frey Farm and Distillery, and WolfPack Meats. The agenda and registration link are on the

[NAP website HERE](#).

For any questions or if interested in hosting a Regional Workshop, contact Tess McKeel at [tmckeel@goodwillfingerlakes.org](mailto:tmckeel@goodwillfingerlakes.org).

NAP partner AgriSafe Network is celebrating National Farm Safety and Health Week 2022 by offering 10 free webinars from Monday, September 19 through Friday, September 23. In addition, it is hosting "Enhancing the Safety and Health of Youth Working in Ag" on September 28. See Upcoming Events for details.



Archived recordings of recent AgrAbility webinars are available at [www.agrability.org/training-category/archived](http://www.agrability.org/training-category/archived). They include:

- "Managing Stress on the Farm"
- "The Importance of Regenerative-Organic Agriculture Practices"
- "Working with Capstone Students to Augment AgrAbility Services"
- "Convivencia y conversación: Tools for reducing stress and fostering emotional well-being among Latino farmworkers"
- "Vision Solutions for Farmers"



NAP traveled to Boone, Iowa, for the Farm Progress Show on August 30 - September 1. Steve Swain staffed an AgrAbility display in cooperation with LifeLyfts by Life Essentials.

As NAP has transitioned to its upgraded website, several issues with the extranet have arisen. If you have any access issues, please contact Paul Jones [jonesp@purdue.edu](mailto:jonesp@purdue.edu).

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## Toolbox Spotlight

With [The Ox Powered Transporter](#), farmers, ranchers, landscapers, and others can load, transport, and dump large amounts (up to 1,000 pounds) of loose or bagged materials, logs, containerized trees, and more. The Ox and the smaller Baby Ox are battery-powered and can reportedly travel over terrain at a maximum of 3 mph for up to 8 hours on a single charge. Many optional attachments are available to accommodate various types of cargo.



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## State and Regional AgrAbility Project News

### Alaska

Alaska AgrAbility's summer e-newsletter was distributed this month. Assistive technology, clients, and agencies were spotlighted in this distribution along with upcoming events to get excited about. [Read about it here.](#)

Fair season has been in full swing in Alaska, and Art Nash, Dr. Misra, and DeShana York have been engaged with outreach events around the state in Palmer, Delta Junction, and Soldotna recently, providing AgrAbility resource materials and awareness of the project.

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Dr. Glen Rains, co-director of the Georgia AgrAbility Project, was also featured in *Almanac* (page 23) for his work with robotic applications in agriculture.

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On August 23, the members of the Men's Shed attended the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta, Georgia. The IWF is the largest woodworking technology and design trade show and conference in North America. [More](#)

Georgia AgrAbility staff attended the Southeastern FRSSAN conference held in Franklin, Tennessee, August 2 and 3. Staff members met with AgrAbility staff from other states as well as their action teams for the Southeastern FRSSAN project.

Rebecca Brightwell, co-director of the Georgia AgrAbility Project, was invited to present at the International Association for Food Protection in Pittsburgh on her work with military veterans in agriculture, using a food safety curriculum based on principles of universal design for learning. She also shared about AgrAbility. There were 63 people in attendance.

## Indiana

Outreach Coordinator Ed Sheldon joined the Indiana Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation for a workshop on accessible gardening at Flanner Farms in downtown Indianapolis on August 30. [More](#)





U.S. Senator Mike Braun's office hosted a virtual Veterans in Agriculture night. The Indiana AgrAbility project in partnership with Indiana AgVets and the Farmer Veteran Coalition conducted a zoom discussion for veterans in Indiana on opportunities in agriculture or assistive technology. [More](#)

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## Kansas

Karin Rasmussen with Kansas AgrAbility teamed up with K-State Research and Extension, the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, and the Department of Health to demonstrate simple solutions to daily barriers. [More](#)

Tawnie Larson, Kansas AgrAbility project coordinator, presented a field day workshop with members of SAVE Farm on using hand tools in the garden and around the farm. [More](#)

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## Maine

Maine AgrAbility's Boots-2-Bushels continued with its monthly in-person workshops. In August, the group met at Grace Pond Farm in Thomaston to learn about the gateway animal into livestock - poultry farming! [More](#)



Check out an interview by Northern Maine's [WAGM TV](#)'s county ag report of Maine AgrAbility's own assistive technology occupational therapist Kelley Spencer. Kelley did a great job of highlighting how AgrAbility can help workers throughout the ag industry be safe and successful despite limitations.

Staff added a great [video](#) to complement Maine AgrAbility's FishAbility blog post: [Let's Do the Twist](#). As the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association (MCFA) stated in their monthly newsletter, "If it works for Tom Brady, it can work for the fishing fleet." [More](#)

The September 2022 Commercial Fisheries News featured an article by Maine AgrAbility staff Brie Weisman: "[Reducing Slips, Trips, and Falls in the Logging Industry, Part 2](#)" that emphasizes reasonable precautions for avoiding and eliminating potential hazards.

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## Michigan



Adam Ingrao of Bee Wise Farms in Newberry, MI, hosted a Heroes to Hives event on August 21st. Michigan AgrAbility staff taught a group of beekeepers about assistive technology to help them work with less pain and difficulty despite their medical conditions. Attendees were able to try out accessible technology devices during the workshop.

Michigan's largest agricultural trade show, AgroExpo, took place August 16 and 17. Michigan AgrAbility hosted a booth at this year's show in St. Johns, Michigan.

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## Missouri

MU Extension AgrAbility and farm/ranch stress specialists Susan Jaster, (farm outreach worker with Lincoln University Cooperative Extension Innovative Small Farmers Outreach Program - LUCEISFOP) and Eric Work, (veteran farmer with Heroes to Hives Missouri State Chapter, Missouri AgrAbility Accessible Beekeepers Program, and Show-Me Farm Safety collaborative partners) spent 12





days handing out new Missouri AgrAbility/Brain Injury Association of Missouri personal well-being and health awareness resources. [More](#)

Missouri AgrAbility focused their social media efforts on program promotion for MU Extension, partner programs, and stakeholders. [More](#)

MU Extension and LUCEISFOP are also working on several Missouri AgrAbility innovative technology video clips geared toward rural and urban client farmers and their families. Stay tuned for additional information.

Missouri AgrAbility staff provided on-the-farm agricultural education and services directed at accommodating disability in farm operations for farmers with disabilities (client farmers) and families who are engaged in farming by facilitating three fee-for-service comprehensive onsite farmstead assessments.

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy, a Missouri AgrAbility collaborator, provided rural wellness outreach and education at the Missouri State Fair on Aug 14th in MIZZOU Central. [More](#)

Missouri AgrAbility is featured in the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Annual Statewide Conference Registration Brochure as the Resources in Rural Missouri Track sponsor. [More](#)



Farm Outreach Worker Angela Brattin with LUCEISFOP, in collaboration with Patrick Beyers at the University of Missouri Extension, hosted a high tunnel workshop on August 8-9. The high tunnel that they constructed will serve as an educational fruit site in the southwest Missouri region. [More](#)

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## Nebraska

Nebraska AgrAbility was represented by Soni Cochran at The Graze Master Group's inaugural event, "The Essentials of Agriculture Workshop". [The Graze Master Group](#) focuses on a comprehensive approach to total agriculture health and the concepts of regenerative agriculture. [More](#)



Located in "Raising Nebraska" at the Nebraska State Fair, Nebraska AgrAbility focused on arthritis and agriculture on Older Nebraskans Day on August 29. A "knowledge wheel" was especially popular with attendees who took a spin to learn more about arthritis. [More](#)

On August 30, students in grades K-6 and their teachers learned about disabilities and assistive technologies by using various tools to perform tasks. Rod Peterson, Nancy Frecks, and Soni Cochran shared the Nebraska AgrAbility program and worked with groups of students throughout the day.



Thank you! The Nebraska AgrAbility staff want to thank Nancy Frecks and Angela Howell for helping out with social media posts while Emily Jacobson is on maternity leave and since Leah Schmidt, summer intern, has headed back to school to finish her doctorate in occupational therapy.

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## New Mexico

The NM Technology Assistance Program presented information about the value of assistive technology and the NM AgrAbility project at the North Valley Albuquerque

Farmers Market on 8/19/2022.

OT fieldwork II students [Robin Gibbs](#), [Celia Giallanella](#), and [Barrett Harding](#) designed a custom vermiculture station for a food producer who experiences decreased fine motor dexterity and decreased mobility. The project involved carpentry, adaption of commercially available products, and three-dimensional printing. [More](#)

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## North Carolina

NC AgrAbility staff and students participated at the NCA&T State University Faculty and Staff Institute on August 10-12. This annual training event allows the Extension specialists to share new findings and information with peers at the state and county offices. [More](#)



On August 14, Betty Rodriguez and Mary Dunn manned a table at the Farmworker Health Fair in Kenansville, NC. This eastern North Carolina event was the first in its class and is to be established as an annual event to provide networking opportunities to farmworkers with the many resources available to them in the region. [More](#)

NC AgrAbility participated as an exhibitor at the "Collaborating with Veterans from All Branches" on August 17. A group of veterans, Native Americans, women in agriculture, and other minority groups came together to attend the event,... [More](#)



On August 19, Mary Dunn, OT doctoral student, presented the capstone project she worked on during the summer. [More](#)

On August 21, NC AgrAbility attended the Western Farmworker Health Fair in Hendersonville, NC. Dr. Cook Marshall shared information about the program with 20 farmworkers.

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## Ohio

Ohio AgrAbility staff welcomed farmers to the 2022 summer meeting - the first in-person meeting since 2019. Staff presented an overview of outreach and engagement activities for 2020-2022, introduced new staff members, and gave a preview of the Ohio AgrAbility exhibit at Farm Science Review in September. [More](#)



Ohio AgrAbility staff presented at the Ohio Rural Health Conference August 1-2. [More](#)

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## Pennsylvania



Summer has been sizzling for the staff of AgrAbility PA - and not only because Pennsylvania has experienced one of the hottest summers on record this year! Farm assessments were plentiful, outreach events had increased crowds, and awareness of AgrAbility's services and support continues to reach new audiences across the state.

Highlights include:

- AgrAbility PA was featured on the [front-cover of Penn Lines magazine](#) in the July 2022 issue. [More](#)
- Staffers Abbie Spackman and Kendra Martin attended a regional

- workshop hosted by Ohio AgrAbility in June. [More](#)
- Suzanna Windon, along with Carolyn Henzi Plaza, Daniel Robotham, and Abbie Spackman have published a Farmer Stress Management Toolbox... [More](#)
- Penn State's Ag Progress Days took place in August... [More](#)
- AgrAbility PA was featured on WPSU-FM... [More](#)



## Tennessee

TN AgrAbility is a part of the Southern Farm Ranch and Stress Assistance Network (S-FRSAN three-year grant with Family and Consumer Sciences at UTIA) which has been rebranded as SAgE (Southern Ag Exchange Network). TNAP staff participated in the regional SAgE planning workshop followed by the TN Farm Stress Summit hosted by TN Department of Ag and SAgE. [More](#)



Tennessee is working to stop the stigma associated with the idea of talking about mental health. Everyone should keep in mind the importance of checking on family, friends, neighbors, and self. [More](#)

Congratulation to Rebecca Brightwell, Kyle Haney, and all the conference organizers with Farm Again GA, conducting the virtual inaugural AgrileadHER virtual conference. This was a fantastic two days of powerful, strong women speakers for the women in ag conference. [More](#)



TNAP exhibited at the Steak and Potatoes Field Day at the Plateau AgResearch & Education Center in Crossville with the Farmer Veteran Coalition of TN. The field day covered topics of interest to beef cattle producers, fruit and vegetable producers... [More](#)

TN AgrAbility helped promote a new resource tool for TN farmers: the [UT Center of Farm Management](#). This center has a dedicated purpose of enhancing the long-term profitability and sustainability of agricultural enterprises in the state and across the Southeast. [More](#)

TNAP presented AgrAbility to an Extension informational meeting about the upcoming "2023 Master Farm Family Health and Wellness Program." [More](#)

TNAP promoted "AgriStress Response: QPR for Farmers and Farm Families." [More](#)

TN AgrAbility's nonprofit partner, The STAR Center, celebrated Happy National Nonprofit Day! Because of donations, The STAR Center champions people of all ages with disabilities by helping them believe in themselves and develop the skills necessary to live up to their full potential. To donate, please visit [givetostar.com](http://givetostar.com).



A Lawrence County farmer received two extra steps with handrails for his John Deere tractors with assistance to help offset the cost from TN Farm Bureau Health Plan and TN AgrAbility. [More](#)

Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, and Tipton Counties participated in the TN Grain Bin Safety/Rescue Awareness Training. The classroom portion was held at the Millsfield Fire Department in Dyersburg, TN,... [More](#)



## Texas



BattleGround to Breaking Ground held Basic Training for their Cohort 12 participants along with graduation for Cohort 10 and their first group of mentors in the Mentor Training Program.

Texas AgrAbility and BattleGround to Breaking Ground staff partnered with the AgriSafe Network to host a "QPR for Farmers and Farm Families" training. This training is designed to help identify signs of mental health crisis in the agricultural community.

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## Utah

AgrAbility of Utah was excited to set up a booth and visit with many of the sheep producers that attended the Utah Wool Growers Association Conference on August 1. The event was held at Utah State University and was attended by over 90 people.

A service project was organized by AgrAbility of Utah for one of its clients. Students from Dr. Tyson Sorensen's personal and team leadership class volunteered to spend an afternoon taking down a fence and hauling away rocks on a farm owned by a very appreciative client in northern Utah.

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## Virginia

AgrAbility Virginia is currently working with 17 farmer clients at various levels of engagement and need. [More](#)

This month, AgrAbility VA completed an outreach campaign directed towards large-animal veterinarians across the state. [More](#)

AgrAbility Virginia was featured on the PBS series "Home Grown in Virginia" where one of their field representatives, Tony, shared about adaptive tools that could help in the garden. [More](#)

Other community outreach was achieved at the Virginia Ag Expo in Port Royal.

AgrAbility had a display throughout the month at the Alexander Black House Museum in Blacksburg. The exhibit on Virginia agriculture attracted 909 visitors.

Staff member Tony also represented AgrAbility Virginia at the Virginia State University Small Farm Outreach Program Field Day on September 1.

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## Washington

In August and September, AgrAbility staff exhibited at several county fairs throughout Washington. Staff shared resources, displayed AT, and promoted new and developing lending library locations.

New staff completed a successful home visit and are currently connecting the client with appropriate AT and other needed community resources.

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## AgrAbility for Africa

AgrAbility for Africa's outreach experiences to promote and expand services via community workshops has proven very effective in developing a better understand of the needs while recruiting clients.

[More](#)

The chronic shortage of rehabilitation experts and service support across Africa hinders AgrAbility for Africa intervention efforts. [More](#)



## StaffChanges and Recognition

### Alaska



Debasmita (Debu) Misra is a professor in the College of Engineering and Mines at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and new co-director of the AKAgrAbility Project. He has a Ph.D. in biosystems and agricultural engineering. He has been associated with the AKAgrAbility project since July 2022. He grew up in a farming community in India where his father was an irrigation engineer who inspired him to become an agricultural engineer. Since joining UAF, he has been engaged in various research

and extension activities in the state. His efforts in the project will be focused on the engineering aspects and community engagement.

### Kansas

Colleagues and Friends - the Kansas AgrAbility Project, funded from 2018-2022, concluded August 31st. It has been a privilege to work with USDA-NIFA, National AgrAbility, and each one of you to work toward making agriculture and life accessible to everyone that wants to participate. I have gained an immense amount of knowledge from the AgrAbility network of professionals and customers. Thank you!! I hope our paths will cross again someday as we continue to work to make our world a better place. I will still be with KSU in the BAE Department. My email will remain [tawnie@ksu.edu](mailto:tawnie@ksu.edu). Best regards, Tawnie.

### Nebraska

Congratulations! Emily Jacobson and her husband, AJ, welcomed their son, Noah Andrew, to the world on August 4. He was born at 5:04 PM, weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz., and was 19 inches long. They are getting along well and are enjoying spending time with their new little man! Emily plans to come back sometime in October, so if you don't hear from her, no worries; she will eventually be back!



### North Carolina

NC AgrAbility welcomes James Fry III as the new field agent. James comes from an educational and agricultural background and, as a previous educator and farm manager at one of the community colleges in NC, has some experience working with farmers with disabilities.

## Washington

The Washington State AgrAbility Program (WSAP) would like to thank Kristen Hinton-VanValkenburg for her three years of service. Kristen has accepted a teaching position at Mount Vernon Christian and is headed back to the classroom. Rather than have one coordinator attempt to cover the 71,300 square miles of Washington State, WSAP has hired four part-time co-coordinators. Please help me in welcoming Alyssa Wade (NE), Emily Whittier (SE), Debbie Fredricks (SW), and Deb Eidsness (NW). In addition to four part time co-coordinators, WSAP has also added Kimberly Lingerich to the payroll to assist with the NTW. Kimberly resides in Spokane, so having boots on the ground of the event location will be an added benefit. We look forward to seeing everyone in March. In the meantime, Go Cougs!

## Wisconsin



AgrAbility of Wisconsin is pleased to welcome [Andrea Klahn](#) as its new outreach specialist. Prior to starting at AgrAbility, Klahn worked as a marketing & communications specialist at AgSource Cooperative Services (now part of VAS) for seven years. For the past four years, she has been a stay-at-home mom to her two daughters, ages 4 and 2.

Klahn grew up on a farrow-to-finish hog and cash crops farm in Lodi, WI, and attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison to study agricultural journalism. When she's not chasing after a toddler, she enjoys going to the farmers market and reading.

In July, the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) presented **John Shutske**, UW-Madison professor and agricultural safety and health specialist, with the Ergonomics, Safety, and Health Award. The award was presented to recognize Shutske's 37 years of leadership and interdisciplinary teamwork that focuses on tackling long-accepted problems through Extension, engineering, and education for a safer and healthier agricultural workplace. [More](#)



Well done, Cheryl! After a 38-year career with UW Extension and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) at UW-Madison, **Cheryl Skjolaas** retired this past July. Cheryl started her career as a 4-H youth agent in Pierce County. She came to work at the UW-Madison in 1990. [More](#)

## AgrAbility in the News

Click titles below for news stories featuring AgrAbility projects .

- [A New Beginning: Program gives helping hand to disabled agriculture workers](#) (AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians)
- [Agrability: Tools to help gardeners with disabilities](#) (AgrAbility Virginia)
- [Farmer overcomes challenges with help of AgrAbility program](#) (AgrAbility of Wisconsin)
- [Programs are helping farmers with disabilities to keep producing](#) (AgrAbility of Wisconsin)
- [County AG Report - AgrAbility](#) (Maine AgrAbility)
- [IFB investing funds for educational, agricultural projects](#) (Illinois AgrAbility)
- [Klahn Joins AgrAbility Of Wisconsin](#) (AgrAbility of Wisconsin)
- [Health and Safety Tent offers valuable information](#) (AgrAbility)
- [Skjolaas made agriculture a safer place for everyone](#) (AgrAbility of Wisconsin)

## OtherNews

Click titles below for other news of interest to AgrAbility staff members.

- The "[Nebraska Extension Cares](#)" [resource cards](#) have been updated and are available on-line. These wallet-sized cards are an excellent way to offer helping resources to the community. They are designed to be a quick reference for anyone needing to reach out for help. The front of the card features the Rural Wellness website - <https://ruralwellness.unl.edu/>. Resources listed on the back of the card include the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline website and phone number, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 9-8-8 universal Call or Text, and the Nebraska Family Helpline. The cards are also available in Spanish. In addition to the Rural Response Hotline and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Spanish-language cards include the National Alliance for Hispanic Health. (Contributed by Nebraska AgrAbility)
- Check out Smoky Mountain Service Dogs wonderful new touching, educational and beautifully illustrated children's book, "Cowboy's Big Dream." It is the heartwarming story of growing up as a Smoky Mountain Service Dog in Training with the lifelong goal of dedicated service to a hero Veteran. The book was written by Puppy Raiser, Haylee Schwerdt, who is currently raising her fifth puppy for the organization! Haylee has written the text and created all of the artwork for this beautiful book entirely for the benefit of SMSD. The book is currently available on [Barnes & Noble](#) and [Amazon](#). (Contributed by Tennessee AgrAbility Project)
- [USDA Announces First Three Lenders for Heirs' Property Relending Program](#)
- [USDA to Invest up to \\$300 million in New Organic Transition Initiative](#)
- [Mental Health Resources for Farmers - AgriSafe Talking Total Farmer Health](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Invests \\$74 Million to Improve Health Care for People Living in 37 States, Guam and Puerto Rico](#)
- [The 'world's first library farm' is home to plush gardens and community innovations](#)
- [As inflation soars, access to Indigenous foods declines](#)
- [USDA Invests \\$300M to Help Producers Transition to Organic Farming](#)
- [Where Do Farm Women Go To Develop Business & Management Skills?](#)



## UpcomingEvents

[Click here for professional development events related to AgrAbility.](#)

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Educational workshop planning is underway for this fast-approaching fall time of year and partnerships continue to grow with veteran support organizations. Planning for the second annual Alaska Farm Bureau Ag Convention and Tradeshow is underway and DeShana York is representing AKAgrAbility on the planning committee again this year. If others within the AgrAbility network are interested in participating, please contact DeShana at [ddyork@alaska.edu](mailto:ddyork@alaska.edu) or 907-786-6330. The event will be in Anchorage at the Egan Center on November 11-13, 2022.

Submitted by DeShana York

September 2022

## California

California AgrAbility staff attended the Annual Back to School Fair at the Yolo County library where children from rural ag communities received haircuts while parents visited informational booths. Staff gave out information on AgrAbility services and conducted demos with ergonomic gardening tools. Staff also administered the Western Regional Agricultural Assistance Program farmworker baseline survey.

Mauricio Guerrero-Villanueva, California AgrAbility's graduate student researcher, presented at the Western Region Agricultural Stress Assistance Program (WRASAP) network quarterly meeting. Mauricio's presentation, "Community Talks: Building and Developing Mental Health Garden Outreach Events", described a series of in-person, virtual, and hybrid community talks held in California's agricultural communities. The goal of the talks was to hold spaces for community members and leaders (promotores) to gather and discuss the importance of mental health and gardening. The events were an opportunity to hear from community members about mental health concerns, the extent to which appropriate services exist, and what they would like to see at a mental health and gardening event. Mauricio's presentation highlighted the gardening events and partners coming together to support farmer and farmworker mental health.

California AgrAbility participated in the Knights Landing Health Fair along with other community partners. The fair was promoted on the Knights Landing Facebook page and over 300 fliers were printed and mailed to all Knights Landing P.O. boxes and posted at the local gas stations, mini mart, community center, post office, and resource center. During the fair, there were health exams, resource tables, and cooking and gardening demonstrations. Dignity Health provided a smoothie and espresso bar, and community members had the opportunity to enter a raffle by visiting the informational booths. The next health fair will be held in mid-October.



Submitted by Angelina Padilla

September 2022

## Colorado

It seems as though bees are buzzing everywhere. Now the benefit of beekeeping for income and therapy has struck in Colorado's United Veterans Coalition. The UVC began an employment resources committee a few months ago. Partnering with other state and local veteran service organizations, many Colorado vets have joined Hives for Heroes and are exploring how this niche of agriculture fits into Colorado. CAP is joining with them and moving to assist by offering education on assistive technology for beekeepers.

Submitted by Jim Craig

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## Georgia



Iteago Felton, a veteran and Georgia farmer, was featured in the University of Georgia's rebranded College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences periodical, the Almanac. Iteago Felton is a livestock producer in east Georgia. In the article, Iteago Felton shares his experiences of starting a farm, 3 Ts Farm, after retiring from the Army, and the impacts working with AgrAbility have had on his success. The periodical and article

can be viewed at [https://issuu.com/southscapes/docs/caes\\_almanac\\_vol\\_1\\_2022](https://issuu.com/southscapes/docs/caes_almanac_vol_1_2022) (page 57).

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Production and Conservation, provided the opening greeting to the event. The survey responses indicate a high level of attendee satisfaction and plans are underway for a conference next year. A few of the participant comments included: "You did an amazing job with the presentation delivery as well as keeping the interaction going with questions, chat box, etc. The additional networking opportunities were phenomenal and allowing for additional side conversations. Absolutely excellent job!" "I have loved the format of the conference! I hope other conferences will be modeled after this one. The lobby makes it feel real." "The range of topics was nice. It was personable even though it was virtual. I felt very comfortable asking questions and chatting with other attendees. The speakers were very REAL and motivating. Gave great information!" We provided a complimentary booth for National AgrAbility. There were 53 unique site visits with 218 documents and videos viewed. The AgrileadHER conference is part of both the AgrAbility and the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network work plans.



On August 18th, Georgia AgrAbility staff presented with Michigan AgrAbility for an NTW Encore webinar on "Vision Solutions for Farmers". The webinar was well attended by over 20 people and the webinar discussed common vision issues for aging farmers and farmer veterans. The webinar also explored solutions and included farmer clients from Michigan and Georgia.



On August 23, the members of the Men's Shed attended the International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta Georgia. The IWF is the largest woodworking technology and design trade show and conference in North America. Men's Shed members were able to view product demonstrations of the newest technology in woodworking equipment and materials. The members had a great time connecting with each other and building friendships.



Submitted by Whitney Paige Ostrander



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## Indiana

Outreach Coordinator Ed Sheldon joined the Indiana Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation for a workshop on accessible gardening at Flanner Farms in downtown Indianapolis on August 30. The farm is sponsored by Flanner House, a social service organization started in 1898 that assists senior citizens, those in financial distress, families, children, and more. Flanner Farm provides two acres of community-based agricultural production space in the heart of an urban food desert, with numerous raised garden beds to facilitate access for all.



During the workshop, participants toured the farm facility and harvested a wide variety of vegetables, herbs, and fruits to take home for their own use. Ed Sheldon discussed AgrAbility's services to non-traditional audiences, including urban, socially disadvantaged, and veteran farmers, and displayed several gardening tools designed to assist those with arthritis or similar conditions. The participants then gave some of those tools a real-life test as they harvested vegetables throughout the farm.



Submitted by Ed Sheldon



Senator Mike Braun's office hosted a virtual Veterans in Agriculture night. The Indiana AgrAbility project in partnership with Indiana AgVets and the Farmer Veteran Coalition conducted a zoom discussion for veterans in Indiana on opportunities in agriculture or assistive technology. Overall, it was a great success with numerous questions and interactions.

[Click HERE](#) to view the Zoom recording.

Submitted by Joe Ricker

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## **Kansas**

Karin Rasmussen with Kansas AgrAbility teamed up with K-State Research and Extension, and the Southwest Kansas Area on Aging and Department of Health to demonstrate simple solutions to daily barriers. A display of common solutions for mobility, vision, communications, and in-home safety were included for attendees seeking simple solutions to make their daily lives safer and to keep them actively participating in chores and daily routines.

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Tawnie Larson, Kansas AgrAbility project coordinator, presented a field day workshop with members of SAVE Farm on using hand tools in the garden and around the farm. The presentation included tips on keeping joints healthy with easy-to-do exercises, tool maintenance, sizing tools to the person, using ergonomic tools, safety, and demonstrations. The presentation concluded with harvesting purple potatoes in the field and snacking on some tasty yet raw potatoes.

Submitted by Tawnie Larson

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## Maine

Maine AgrAbility's Boots-2-Bushels continued with its monthly in-person workshops. In August, the group met at Grace Pond Farm in Thomaston to learn about the gateway animal into livestock - poultry farming! Participants learned about how to raise chicks and poults into a viable business. These farm tours are also open to new Maine farmers participating in the Maine New Farmers project supported by the USDA.



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Staff added a great [video](#) to complement Maine AgrAbility's FishAbility blog post: [Let's Do the Twist](#). As the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association (MCFA) stated in their monthly newsletter, "If it works for Tom Brady, it can work for the fishing fleet. Adding a stretching and pliability routine to your normal fishing day can help keep you healthy and safe. Maine AgrAbility has been working with MCFA to help spread information about proper stretching techniques and movements that can help keep you happy and healthy on the water."

Submitted by Anne Martin

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## Missouri

MU Extension AgrAbility and farm and ranch stress specialists Susan Jaster, farm outreach worker with Lincoln University Cooperative Extension Innovative Small Farmers Outreach Program LUCEISFOP) and Eric Work, veteran farmer with Heroes to Hives Missouri State Chapter, Missouri AgrAbility Accessible Beekeepers Program, and Show-Me Farm Safety collaborative partners spent 12 days handing out new Missouri AgrAbility / Brain Injury Association of Missouri, personal well-being, and health awareness resources; behavioral/mental health stress bags; and various agricultural safety (tractor, ROPS, grain bin, sweep auger, hearing protection, ergonomics, full-body vibration, livestock, and respiratory protection) prevention tips at the 2022 Missouri State Fair. The Missouri State Fair served as an excellent agricultural hands-on classroom that provided producers, agricultural leaders, and fairgoers opportunities to learn strategies to improve their family's physical and mental health and agricultural safety tips about how to safely work around their farm.



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Missouri AgrAbility focused their social media efforts on program promotion for MU Extension, partner programs, and stake holders. New marketing materials were rolled out during the Missouri State Fair for AgrAbility client farmers and their families. In addition, Missouri AgrAbility captured soundbites, photos, and video clips of client farmers, farm families, and diverse areas of rural and urban agriculture to continually build their media database.

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University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy, a Missouri AgrAbility collaborator, provided rural wellness outreach and education at the Missouri State Fair on Aug 14th in MIZZOU Central. Missourians were reached through this networking effort and educated about farm safety and health, Pharm to Farm and Missouri AgrAbility fliers were distributed. Wellness screenings and referrals to follow-up care were provided, including diabetes risk assessment, and individuals were screened for blood pressure.

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Missouri AgrAbility is featured in the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) Annual Statewide Conference Registration Brochure as the Resources in Rural Missouri Track Sponsor. Marketing of Missouri AgrAbility is also featured in the Fall 2022 issue of the BIA-MO *Connections* newsletter. These publications will reach more than 3,000 current and potential AgrAbility Client Farmers and agricultural, vocational and rehabilitation professions who serve farmers and ranchers.

Submitted by Karen Funkenbusch



Farm Outreach Worker Angela Brattin with LUCEISFOP in collaboration with Patrick Beyers at the University of Missouri Extension hosted a high tunnel workshop on August 8-9. The high tunnel that they constructed will serve as an educational fruit site in the Southwest Missouri region. The site includes installing a blackberry trellis system, elderberry plants and high tunnel strawberry production. Among the participants at the workshop were several veterans who will be able to use the knowledge gained in their own operations.



Submitted by Mary Bollinger

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## Nebraska

Nebraska AgrAbility was represented by Soni Cochran at The Graze Master Group's inaugural event, "The Essentials of Agriculture Workshop". [The Graze Master Group](#) focuses on a comprehensive approach to total agriculture health and the concepts of regenerative agriculture. The two-day workshop was held August 26-27 at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in Sidney, Nebraska. Del Ficke is the founder of The Graze Master Group. Del is a former AgrAbility client and later served as a rural rehabilitation specialist for AgrAbility. Del introduced Soni to the participants and shared how he benefited from AgrAbility. Several people attending the workshop stopped by the AgrAbility table and visited with Soni about AgrAbility. They also shared their experiences and mentioned people they knew who had benefited from the program.



Located in "Raising Nebraska" at the Nebraska State Fair, Nebraska AgrAbility focused on arthritis and agriculture on Older Nebraskans Day on August 29. A "knowledge wheel" was especially popular with attendees who took a spin to learn more about arthritis. Rod Peterson, Soni Cochran, and advisory board member Dave Paschold visited with the many fairgoers



who stopped by to learn more about AgrAbility and arthritis. The Nebraska State Fair is held in Grand Island.

Submitted by Soni Cochran

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## New Mexico

OT fieldwork II students [Robin Gibbs](#), [Celia Giallanella](#), and [Barrett Harding](#) designed a custom vermiculture station for a food producer who experiences decreased fine motor dexterity and decreased mobility. The project involved carpentry, adaption of commercially available products, and three-dimensional printing. The project will be described at length in the winter NM AgrAbility newsletter and is described in a research poster that was presented at the 2022 NM Occupational Therapy Conference on August 19, 2022. Click on each of the students' names above to view their posters.

Submitted by New Mexico AgrAbility Project

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## North Carolina

NC AgrAbility staff and students participated at the NCA&T State University Faculty and Staff Institute on August 10-12, 2022. This annual training event allows the Extension specialist to share new findings and information with peers at the state and county offices. NC AgrAbility trained Extension agents on the Ambassador Training Session 1 of the Intermediate level. Twenty-seven agents attended the presentation and received a kit of ergonomic tools to support their educational efforts in keeping the rural communities safe. They received a checklist to help in determining the need to refer a farmer to the program.



On August 14, 2022, Betty Rodriguez and Mary Dunn manned a table at the Farmworker Health Fair in Kenansville, NC. This eastern North Carolina event was the first in its class and is to be established as an annual event to provide networking opportunities to farmworkers with the many resources available to them in the region. It was organized by the Farmworker Health Educators at NCSU. It was attended by 200 farmworkers who had the chance to learn about the services provided by NC AgrAbility and how to refer themselves to the program.



NC AgrAbility participated as an exhibitor at the "Collaborating with Veterans from All Branches" on August 17, 2022. A group of veterans, Native Americans, women in agriculture, and other minority groups came together to attend the event, to present their experiences and to share resources to help each other to succeed in farming. The event was attended by 150 participants who had the opportunity to network and learn how NC AgrAbility can assist farmers with disabilities.



On August 19, 2022, Mary Dunn, OT doctoral student, presented the capstone project she worked on during the Summer. She developed an "Ergonomic and Assistive Technology Program" for Farmworkers. Eleven Cooperative Extension colleagues attended the presentation and commended the great contribution she made to the program.



Submitted by Beatriz (Betty) Rodriguez

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## Ohio

Ohio AgrAbility staff welcomed farmers to the 2022 summer meeting - the first in-person meeting since 2019. Staff presented an overview of outreach and engagement activities for 2020-2022, introduced new staff members, and gave a preview of the Ohio AgrAbility exhibit at Farm Science Review in September.



Austin Heil, President and Founder of Cursive Ohio Charity Bike Ride talked about the Ride, which was held September 3, 2022. The proceeds of the Ride are donated to Ohio AgrAbility, and are used to fund farmer education and travel, and to provide lunch at the summer meeting. Austin also donated the proceeds for the 2021 Ride to Ohio AgrAbility, and OAP is grateful for his enthusiasm and support. [Click here to read a 2021 article which gives more history about Austin and the Cursive Ohio Charity Bike Ride.](#)

Ohio AgrAbility staff presented at the Ohio Rural Health Conference August 1 - 2. Project Director Dee Jepsen co-presented "Sun Exposure Risk Factors and Sun Protective Behaviors Practiced by a Sample of Rural Ohio Farmers". Disability Services Coordinator Laura Akgerman presented "Asking the Right Questions and Finding the Right Resources for Rural Caregivers", and two posters: "Do You Work with Farmers with Disabilities? We Do"; and "Gardening with Arthritis - It doesn't have to hurt!" Laura is also a founding board member of the Ohio Rural Health

Submitted by Laura Akgerman



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## Pennsylvania



Summer has been sizzling for the staff of AgrAbility PA - and not only because Pennsylvania has experienced one of the hottest summers on record this year! Farm assessments were plentiful, outreach events had increased crowds, and awareness of AgrAbility's services and support continues to reach new audiences across the state.

Highlights include:

- AgrAbility PA was featured on the [front-cover of Penn Lines magazine](#) in the July 2022 issue. It is a monthly print and online news magazine read by more than 400,000 electric cooperative consumer-members in Pennsylvania. The article has resulted in many mentions and several referrals to staff members this summer. [Check out the article on pages 8-12.](#)
- Staffers Abbie Spackman and Kendra Martin attended a regional workshop hosted by Ohio AgrAbility in June. Topics on urban agriculture and assistive technology on the farm provided great learning opportunities in addition to networking.
- Suzanna Windon along with Carolyn Henzi Plaza, Daniel Robotham, and Abbie Spackman have published a Farmer Stress Management Toolbox - a series of articles and resources related to stress management among farm populations. The information is available in both English and Spanish. Links to each part:
  - o <https://extension.psu.edu/the-farmer-stress-management-toolbox-part-1>
  - o <https://extension.psu.edu/the-farmer-stress-management-toolbox-part-2>
  - o <https://extension.psu.edu/the-farmer-stress-management-toolbox-part-3>
- Penn State's Ag Progress Days took place in August and continues to be the premier outdoor agricultural event in the state. The three-day event was busy, crowds were bustling, and the AgrAbility PA staff interacted with hundreds of people. Abbie Spackman organized the Rural Health & Safety tent which included health screenings, safety seminars, equipment demos, and a dozen organizations with exhibits.
- AgrAbility PA was featured on WPSU-FM (an NPR-affiliate public radio station for central and northern Pennsylvania) for a "Health Minute" segment in August. [Take a listen HERE.](#)



Submitted by Kendra Martin

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## Tennessee

TN AgrAbility is a part of the Southern Farm Ranch and Stress Assistance Network (S-FRSAN three-year grant with Family and Consumer Sciences at UTIA) which has been rebranded as SAgE (Southern Ag Exchange Network). TNAP staff participated in the Regional SAgE planning workshop followed by the TN Farm Stress Summit hosted by TN Department of Ag and SAgE. The summit was held to connect TN partners and resources to help keep farmers safe - both mental and physical health- connecting them to resources for support and to help mitigate stress. Thanks to a great panel of farmers, health care professionals, and economists who talked about stressors farmers face. Dr. Cheryl Dean-Witt, Louisville, KY, ag nurse and farmer, shared the program "KY Raising Hope" that works to support healthy lives on KY farms and provides a message of hope.



Tennessee is working to stop the stigma associated with the idea of talking about mental health. Everyone should keep in mind the importance of checking on family, friends, neighbors, and self. In the farming community, most people will drop what they are doing to help a neighbor, whether they need physical help or emotional stability. Many times, people are reluctant to seek help; but that is not a sign of weakness; rather it shows

strength. Thank you to the sponsors for making mental and physical health of ag producers a priority and helping the summit to be successful!

Congratulation to Rebecca Brightwell, Kyle Haney, and all the conference organizers with Farm Again GA, conducting the virtual inaugural AgrileadHER(tm). This was a fantastic two days of powerful, strong women speakers for the Women in Ag Conference. The Southern Ag Exchange Network (SAgE) was one of the interactive education booths plus National AgrAbility and National FVC. The AgriLeadHER Conference highlighted women's leadership, mentorship, and skill development.



TNAP exhibited at the Steak and Potatoes Field Day at the Plateau AgResearch & Education Center in Crossville with the Farmer Veteran Coalition of TN. The field day covered topics of interest to beef cattle producers, fruit and vegetable producers interested in acorn squash varieties and the vegetable trials held at the center, and a scenic and educational wagon tour of the research center for all participants.

TN AgrAbility helped promote a new resource tool for TN farmers: the [UT Center of Farm Management](#). This center has a dedicated purpose of enhancing the long-term profitability and sustainability of agricultural enterprises in the state and across the Southeast. The Center will integrate established Institute programs and responsively develop new ones to meet the needs of Tennessee producers. The series "[Farm Management During Uncertain Times](#)" is a recorded sequence of "town-hall meetings" as well as a library or recorded videos that producers can access at any time. The goal of this series is to provide resources and information to help producers make informed decisions as they navigate the uncertainty of drought, rising interest rates, and other current events. The series is free and accessible to any producer interested.

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TNAP presented AgrAbility to an Extension informational meeting about the upcoming "2023 Master Farm Family Health and Wellness Program." The Master Farm Family Health and Wellness Program (MFFHWP) is in its 2nd year for farm families and is supported by TDA for farmers to be eligible for 50% cost share with many of the TN Ag Enhancement (TAEP) programs. TNAP provided an orientation to the Farm Family Health & Wellness Program for Extension agents interested in offering the program in their counties.

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TNAP promoted "AgriStress Response: QPR for Farmers and Farm Families". QPR training teaches laypeople and professionals to recognize and respond to mental health crises using the approach of Question, Persuade, and Refer. This important training, like CPR, saves lives.

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A Lawrence County farmer received two extra steps with handrails for his John Deere tractors with assistance to help offset the cost from TN Farm Bureau Health Plan and TN AgrAbility. "If you hadn't been so friendly at the TN Farm Bureau annual meeting and continued talking with me and my wife, I would have never told you about my prosthesis. Us farm people have connection and I will be glad to call you my friend." (Quote from a TN AgrAbility farmer.) This is what AgrAbility's job is all about!



Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, and Tipton Counties participated in the TN Grain Bin Safety/Rescue Awareness Training. The classroom portion was held at the Millsfield Fire Department in Dyersburg, TN, and the hands-on was held on Meadows Farm in Halls, TN. There were 47-plus in attendance. Each county represented received three Turtle Plastics Tubes sponsored by Cargill.

Submitted by TN AgrAbility

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## Virginia

AgrAbility Virginia is currently working with 17 farmer clients at various levels of engagement and need. Staff has been assisting a farmer with low vision by connecting him with the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, and referring him to an AT retailer to try out different assistive devices. Staff is also working to help this farmer get a data-connected tablet computer that would allow him to text and search the internet on a bigger screen while in the field.

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This month, AgrAbility VA completed an outreach campaign directed towards large-animal veterinarians across the state. As providers of healthcare to farm animals, this group was identified as a valuable ally for the AgrAbility mission. Staff sent 182 letters and brochures about AgrAbility VA's services.

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AgrAbility Virginia was featured on the PBS series "Home Grown in Virginia" where one of their field representatives, Tony, shared about adaptive tools that could help in the garden. The show also highlighted one of AgrAbility VA's farmers who expressed his gratitude for the program. [Click HERE](#) to watch the video.

Submitted by Virginia AgrAbility Project

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## Wisconsin

### Staff Changes and Recognition



In July, the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) presented John Shutske, UW-Madison professor and agricultural safety and health specialist, with the Ergonomics, Safety, and Health Award. The award was presented to recognize Shutske's 37 years of leadership and interdisciplinary teamwork that focuses on tackling long-accepted problems through Extension, engineering, and education for a safer and healthier agricultural workplace.

Shutske is a faculty member in UW's Biological Systems Engineering Department where he directs cross-disciplinary research. Throughout his career, Shutske has made significant improvements to agricultural workplace safety and health conditions and reduction of property loss. He conducted some of the early research in 1991-92 in child development and its applications in farm injury prevention. This work eventually led to the multi-national development of the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks, led by the National Farm Medicine Center, one of Shutske's many long-time collaborators and frequent partners in efforts to protect farmers and their families. Congrats John!

Well done, Cheryl! After a 38-year career with UW Extension and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CAL S) at UW-Madison, Cheryl Skjolaas retired this past July. Cheryl started her career as a 4-H youth agent in Pierce County. She came to work at the UW-Madison in 1990.



Cheryl has worked with the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification program and the County Farm Safety Grant program, as well as AgrAbility of Wisconsin, and the National AgrAbility Project. Cheryl also directed the UW Center for Agricultural Safety and Health. Cheryl has been a valued resource and continued advocate for farm safety in our state for almost four decades. We thank her for all her years of dedication and wish her the best!

Submitted by Andrea Klahn



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## AgrAbility for Africa

AgrAbility for Africa's outreach experiences to promote and expand services via community workshops has proven very effective in developing a better understanding of the needs while recruiting clients. The causal nature of engagement quickly builds trust during the Q & A sessions, and because of the positive feedback and results, the team has stepped up similar kinds of events in order to expand outreach and interventions, thus creating more opportunities for farming communities to learn about AgrAbility for Africa, its services, and solution options.



The chronic shortage of rehabilitation experts and service support across Africa hinders AgrAbility for Africa intervention efforts. In sustained efforts to change the status quo, the AgrAbility for Africa team will be conducting a disability financing policy analysis to establish linkages between available finance and demand for the purpose of guiding support and to aid in identifying funding sources that could help build and run appropriate advocacy campaigns to improve the economic, employment, health, and education outcomes for people with disabilities across the continent.

Submitted by Mutumba Faisal

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## Upcoming Events

**Name** New Battleground to Breaking Ground Phase 1 Course  
**Dates** Rolling admission  
**City, State** Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/new-phase-1-battleground-to-breaking-ground/01t4x000002ciNKAAY>

**Name** Crashes Involving Agricultural Vehicles in the Southwest Region  
**Dates** September 19, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** ATV/UTV Safety for Farm Women  
**Dates** September 19, 2022, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** Putting Time and Distance Between Someone at Risk of Suicide and Lethal Means: An Overview of the CALM Workshop  
**Dates** September 20, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** Heat and Wildfire Smoke Exposure Among Agricultural Workers: Examining Exposure Risk and Potential Strategies to Protect Workers  
**Dates** September 20, 2022, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** Farm Science Review  
**Dates** September 20-22, 2022  
**City, State** London, Ohio

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://fsr.osu.edu/>

**Name** Protecting and Promoting the Health of Young Agricultural Workers: The Role of Employers and Supervisors

**Dates** September 21, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** Farm Youth Mental Health: What We Know and How to Help

**Dates** September 21, 2022, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET

**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** Roundtable Discussion: Grain Bin Safety

**Dates** September 22, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** Confined Space: Grain Bin Entry

**Dates** September 22, 2022, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET

**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** More than Milk: Strong Bones and Injury Prevention for Aging Women in Ag

**Dates** September 23, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** ¡Basta! Working Together to Prevent Sexual Harassment in the Agricultural Workplace

**Dates** September 23, 2022, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET

**City, State** AgriSafe Webinar Online

**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/yc72786x>

**Name** 1994 SIPI / AgrAbility Project Regional Workshop  
**Dates** September 27-28, 2022  
**City, State** Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**Contact Info/Web link** Chuck Baldwin: [baldwi19@purdue.edu](mailto:baldwi19@purdue.edu) or 574-306-7329  
Sonja Koukel: [sdkoukel@nmsu.edu](mailto:sdkoukel@nmsu.edu) or 575-646-3006

**Name** 2022 Workshop - Enhancing the Safety and Health of Youth Working in Ag - Protecting the Future of Agriculture  
**Dates** September 28, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** Virtual Workshop Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://tinyurl.com/7kyxn98a>

**Name** World Dairy Expo  
**Dates** October 2-7, 2022  
**City, State** Madison, Wisconsin  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://worlddairyexpo.com/pages/WDE2022.php>

**Name** How to Safely Prepare Products in Your Home Kitchen: Sanitation and Good Manufacturing Practice Basics  
**Dates** October 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** Webinar Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3NS6mjFCjjEPXJs](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3NS6mjFCjjEPXJs)

**Name** APRIL Annual Conference  
**Dates** October 10-14, 2022  
**City, State** Virtual Online  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://www.april-rural.org/index.php/en/conferences/2022-conference>

**Name** Sunbelt AG Expo  
**Dates** October 18-20, 2022  
**City, State** Moultrie, Georgia  
**Contact Info/Web link** <https://sunbeltexpo.com/>

**Name** Pest Prevention Tips to "Close the Barn Door Before the Horse Bolts"  
**Dates** October 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. ET  
**City, State** Webinar Online  
**Contact** [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3NS6mjFCjjEPXJs](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3NS6mjFCjjEPXJs)

**Info/Web  
link**

**Name** National FFA Convention

**Dates** October 26-29, 2022

**City, State** Indianapolis, Indiana

**Contact** <https://convention.ffa.org/>

**Info/Web  
link**

**Name** 2022 Angus Convention

**Dates** November 4-7, 2022

**City, State** Salt Lake City, Utah

**Contact** <https://angusconvention.com/>

**Info/Web  
link**

**Name** 2022 Farmer Veteran Stakeholders Conference

**Dates** November 13-15, 2022

**City, State** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Contact** <https://conference.farmvetco.org/>

**Info/Web  
link**

**Name** Nevada Regional AgrAbility Workshop

**Dates** November 29 - December 1, 2022

**City, State** Reno, Nevada

**Contact** <http://www.agrability.org/training-events/in-person/>

**Info/Web  
link**