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AgrAbility: Resources for Agricultural Workers with Disabilities and other Functional Limitations

The purpose of the USDA AgrAbility Program is to enhance quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities, so that they and their families can continue to succeed. For this population, "success" may be defined by many parameters, including gainful employment and access to needed technologies.

In fulfilling its mission, AgrAbility (1) provides direct services to agricultural workers through onsite consultations and other means; (2) develops innovative educational programs and resources designed to advance individual capabilities, promote assistive technologies, and enhance agricultural health and safety; and (3) encourages networking to facilitate information sharing, the provision of services, and funding for technologies and modifications needed by AgrAbility clients. Currently, there are 20 USDA AgrAbility projects around the U.S. and 1 National AgrAbility Project, which provides support to the state projects and limited services to those individuals in states without AgrAbility projects.

While AgrAbility's focus is on agricultural workers in the U.S., those in other countries can benefit from its work. The www.agrability.org web portal contains a wide variety of resources that can be accessed anywhere. In addition, AgrAbility can provide programming examples for similar efforts in other countries.