

Annual Report

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The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project provides direct service, education & networking to support the rehabilitation and assistive technology needs of Oklahoma farmers, ranchers and their family members impacted by a disabling condition.

Direct Services:

- **94** individuals received information and referral
- **53** individuals served
- **18** individuals received an on-farm assessment
- **10** individuals received **\$7,646.57** in Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation grants
- **1** individual received **\$3,000** in accommodations from the Veterans Administration
- **27** co-shared Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) clients received **\$226,013** in assistive technologies
- **\$101,367** spent for other rehabilitation-related services by DRS for co-shared clients

Education:

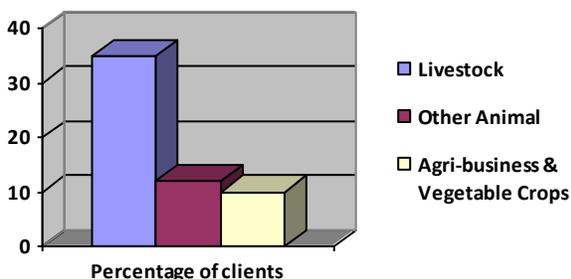
- **20** professionals received CEUs at the 8th Annual "Rehabilitating Oklahoma Farmers & Ranchers" workshop
- **176** individuals attended at least **90** classes provided by **18** Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (OCES) Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Educators & state AgrAbility staff
- **44** state and national presentations conducted, impacting over **2,800** individuals
- **13** Langston University School of Physical Therapy Doctoral students received training in fundamental knowledge and skills; advocacy and support; and the use of assistive technology for persons with disabilities who wish to work in agriculture
- **39** OCES personnel received in-service professional development to provide education & outreach in their communities on: *Oklahoma AgrAbility, Gardening with Ease, Home and Farm Safety, Empowering Caregivers, and Preparing for Emergencies*
- **45** veterans with disabilities and **98** DRS counselors and staff received education on AgrAbility service delivery objectives

Networking:

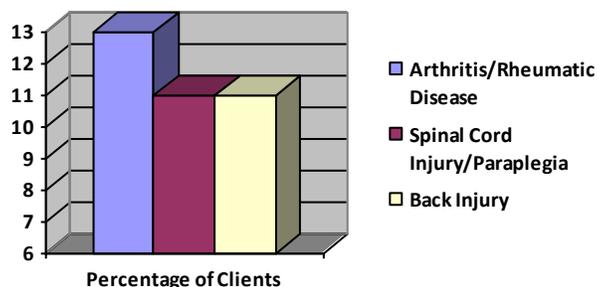
- The 4th AgrAbility Day at the Capitol was held March 26, 2012. The event was reported state-wide by newspaper, radio, TV outlets and online.
- **9,216** copies of the quarterly newsletters distributed
- **28** state and national exhibits, impacting over **120,531** individuals
- **98** public awareness activities impacting **524,413** individuals
- *Memorandums of Understanding* maintained with the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Career & Technology Education, and Oklahoma ABLE Tech.

Client Demographic Information

Primary Agriculture Operation



Primary Disability Type



Two Success Stories in Oklahoma

Ruby enjoys farming and ranching on her 80-acre family farm in northeastern Oklahoma where she has a large garden and raises chickens, guineas and peacocks. Together, she and her brother are also building a herd of Black Angus cattle and hope to sustain the farm for the next generation of family farmers. Due to an underactive thyroid, Ruby experiences reduced energy, diminished hand strength and circulation in her fingers. She finds it difficult to grasp and hold garden tools as well as haul heavy materials and supplies. Ruby connected with AgrAbility to identify needed assistive technologies, accommodations, and funding sources. Ergonomic garden tools and carts were selected to increase her ability to complete farm tasks. “The Hose Reel Cart is nice and easy to wheel instead of carrying the hose to water trees or even the cattle when needed,” said Ruby.



Wilbur has lived on the family farm in northwestern Oklahoma his entire life and personally farmed the same land for 70 years. He and his wife now share the family heritage with their grandchildren and teach them about their agriculture business where corn, wheat, and milo crops are harvested. Wilbur began experiencing mobility obstacles due to pain associated with rheumatoid arthritis, now located in all joints of his body. He also has pain in his lower back and pelvic area from an accident he sustained while operating a crane that overturned and crushed him. He has had two open heart surgeries and surgery on both arteries. Being very active and loving the outdoors, Wilbur refused to give up when walking long distances became a challenge. The Department of Rehabilitation Services authorized funding for an outdoor scooter that provides the opportunity for him to oversee his farm operation.

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