



ERNEST'S STORY

Ernest continues his elk, cow-calf, wheat, and hay operation in northwest Oklahoma. Ernest lives with Parkinson's disease, severe arthritis and back pain, which interfere with his ability to perform his farm tasks. Ernest is concerned with being able to operate the tractor for long durations of time.

Ernest was raised on the farm and although he worked in manufacturing he has worked in agriculture all his life. Ernest worked with Oklahoma AgrAbility and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to obtain an air ride tractor seat designed to absorb vibration from the tractor to increase Ernest's comfort while he uses the tractor. He also obtained feeding buckets to assist him with the lifting involved with feeding his elk and cattle.

Ernest, with Oklahoma AgrAbility's assistance, also obtained funding through the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation to obtain anti-vibration gloves to use in his tractor and a few daily living aids of assistive technology to support him in daily self help tasks.

