



The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project

Oklahoma AgrAbility, established in 2002, is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture, which also supports the National AgrAbility Project. Twenty-five states currently have USDA-funded AgrAbility projects.

The national project was created in the 1990 Farm Bill to assist people with disabilities employed in agriculture by linking the Cooperative Extension Service at a land-grant universities with a private nonprofit disability service organizations to promote independence in agricultural production and rural living. Because local Extension educators live among Oklahoma farmers, ranchers and their families, they can identify people who could benefit and make appropriate referrals to Oklahoma AgrAbility.

The Oklahoma Project is a unique partnership of Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, and the non-profit Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT); with services provided through Oklahoma ABLE Tech, and the Langston University School of Physical Therapy. Through this partnership Oklahoma AgrAbility provides education, networking and directing assistance to farmers, ranchers and their families who have a disability or debilitating injury that limits their ability to perform essential farm tasks.

Oklahoma AgrAbility maintains working relationships with nonprofit organizations as well as state agencies, including the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. DRS provides funding and vocational rehabilitation counseling for needed assistive technologies to help eligible farmers and ranchers with disabling conditions keep their jobs and stay on the farm.

Oklahoma AgrAbility mission: The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project strives to provide education, assistance and support to Oklahomans by linking agricultural families with resources. The appropriate resources may include low-cost modifications to farm, home, equipment and work site operations; and when appropriate, provides technical assistance in making such modifications.

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