

"AgrAbility has been an asset to me. Being a triple amputee, it has been a pleasure to participate in some AgrAbility seminars because I want to help others with disabilities. AgrAbility helps people with disabilities live a more productive life. They have helped me adapt farm equipment to meet my specific needs."

- Gary, triple amputee

"AgrAbility is, in a way, the light at the end of the tunnel for me and my wife of 58 years. The roll-in-shower makes bathing her so much easier and faster. The work shelves in the kitchen enable her to fold clothes and do other things. Just to know that she is contributing in some jobs has changed her life considerably, allowing me more time for farm chores."

- Tom and Dorris (stroke victim), retired cattle ranchers

"Handicapped does not mean no ability, just different ability. AgrAbility helps make this statement a reality for those with disabilities."

- Jonathon, client

"To get up and go to work every day. To have a place to be and a job to do on a regular basis. That is what Jonathon wanted. These are things we take for granted. Now he can do them, too. AgrAbility helped him achieve these things. You cannot put a price on that!"

- Grover, Jonathon's father

"Being involved with AgrAbility is such a blessing to us. The staff has worked with us endlessly on a project that gives us hope for the future. Due to their knowledge of the programs available, we are now working on a plan to move forward. Without them, we would still be nowhere, doing nothing. Thank you!"

- Bobby, paraplegic and inventor of farm safety cover



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MISSISSIPPI AgrAbility Project



**PROMOTING SUCCESS
IN AGRICULTURE
FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES
AND THEIR FAMILIES**



AgrAbility defines a disability as a physical or mental condition that limits one or more major life activities. Conditions include difficulty with *movement, sight, and speech.*

Examples include:

- Amputation
- Arthritis
- Back Injury
- Chronic Pain
- Head Injury
- Health Conditions
- Hearing Impairment
- Heart Conditions
- Respiratory Diseases
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Visual Impairment



Pictured is a demonstration tractor equipped with a sling lift, a standing lift, hand controls, and a wheelchair platform.

Farmers with disabilities can utilize various types of assistive technology to aid their work. This technology can be purchased or safely constructed with the guidance of AgrAbility engineers and assistive technology specialists.

Examples include:

- Adaptive hand and machinery tools for a variety of tasks.
- Wheelchairs and utility vehicles for outdoor mobility.



An overhead lift is used to gain access to a modified tractor.



An automobile accident survivor builds safety shields for irrigation pumps and pond aerators.

The Mississippi AgrAbility Project provides the following services to people with agriculture-related employment, such as farmers and ranchers, who have disabilities:

- Technical assistance to modify equipment, learn farming alternatives, and make facilities more accessible.
- Networking with other farmers or ranchers with disabilities, as well as Mississippi and National AgrAbility project resources.
- Vocational counseling for farmers and ranchers with disabilities and their families.

The project also provides educational activities such as:

- Training for those who work with farmers or ranchers with disabilities.
- Outreach programs on disability awareness for school-age children.