

# North Carolina



Cultivating Accessible Agriculture

## What does AgrAbility do?

The vision of AgrAbility is to enable a high quality lifestyle for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities. Through education, support and assistance, AgrAbility helps to eliminate (or at least minimize) obstacles that inhibit success in production agriculture or agriculture-related occupations.

## Whom does AgrAbility serve?

AgrAbility serves those agricultural workers who are limited by any type of physical, cognitive, or health-related disability, such as:

- arthritis
- autism
- amputation
- vision loss
- developmental disabilities
- hearing loss
- intellectual disability
- learning disability
- mobility limitations
- mental or emotional disabilities
- respiratory diseases
- speech limitation
- traumatic brain injury
- health related conditions, such as cancer or heart disease

## What services does AgrAbility provide?

AgrAbility offers the following services at no cost to consumers:

- Conducting on-site assessments to identify barriers to completing tasks both in the agricultural workplace and the home
- Recommending appropriate assistive technologies (equipment/tools/devices), modified work practices, and/or other possible solutions to reducing disability-related limitations
- Providing access to informational materials on a variety of topics related to disability and agriculture
- Providing education/training opportunities through workshops, conferences, seminars, and on-line programs
- Referring consumers to other service providers for potential assistance (e.g., financial, rehabilitative, educational) specific to the consumers' needs
- Arranging for peer support opportunities that connect consumers with others who have successfully accommodated their disabilities

AgrAbility does not provide direct funding or equipment. However, the NC AgrAbility Project works with state-wide Centers for Independent Living to locate other funding sources to help customers obtain needed assistive technologies and modifications.

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