Do you know your NC agriculture?
North Carolina is home to more than 80 agricultural commodities, making it the most agriculturally diverse state in the nation. Here are a few facts that make NC agriculture so important to both our state and nation:

• NC agriculture has produced more than $9 billion dollars annually since 2008
• Nationally, NC ranks 1st or 2nd in 9 commodities
• In 2011, there were more than 52,000 farms in NC
• More than 90% of NC farms are family owned or family incorporated farms
• More than 58% of NC farmers are over the age of 55

Farm Safety
• Farming is the most dangerous industry in the U.S.
• Children and older farmers are at highest risk for injury or death on the farm
• The average age of the American farmer is 57
• The fatality rate for farmers is 800% higher than all American workers
• The tractor is the leading cause of death on the farm
• The primary cause of tractor fatalities is side and rear turn overs
• Studies have shown that an estimated 20–30% of farmers have some kind of respiratory disease or chronic illness

Support Our Mission
Due to federal funding restrictions, NC AgrAbility cannot provide direct funding or assistive technology, marketing materials or equipment.

If you would like to assist our efforts through a monetary donation, please use the detachable portion of this brochure and include your check addressed to East Carolina University with memo line “NC Agromedicine Institute Fund”. For other donations or questions, feel free to call or email us.

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Help Us Help You...
For more information about NC AgrAbility or our services, circle the appropriate statement(s):

• I or someone in my family could benefit from NC AgrAbility services (Please contact me via the method listed on the back of this page.)
• I want to refer someone I know for services (Please contact me via the information listed on the back of this page.)

I want to learn more about:

• Making a home or worksite more accessible
• Receiving on-site assistance to help with a disability
• NC AgrAbility workshops for farmers, ranchers and farmworker families with physical challenges or disabilities
• NC AgrAbility workshops for professionals who work with farmers, ranchers and farmworkers with disabilities
• Talking via telephone with another farmer or rancher with a disability
• I want to volunteer to participate in a peer support network to assist other NC AgrAbility farmers, ranchers and farmworkers with disabilities
• I would like to make a monetary donation of $______ (enclose check addressed to East Carolina University with memo line “NC Agromedicine Institute Fund”)
• I have an assistive technology idea that may benefit others
• I am interested in other information found in this or other educational materials (Please list website or source and informational topic)

Assisting North Carolina’s Farmers, Ranchers and Farmworkers with Disabilities

www.ncagrability.com
What is the NC AgrAbility Partnership?
The NC AgrAbility Partnership (NC AgrAbility) is part of the federally funded AgrAbility program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute for Food Safety (USDA NIFA). The AgrAbility program consists of a National Project and individually funded state or regional projects.

NC AgrAbility is a collaborative partnership between North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute, DisAbility Resource Center for Independent Living, East Carolina University and North Carolina State University.

Our four primary goals include:
- Direct Services to farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and their family members with disabilities
- Education to communities of interest about the challenges and needs farming with disabilities
- Awareness and advocacy for individuals farming with disabilities
- Networking with resources to create a diverse and comprehensive partnership

Whom does NC AgrAbility serve?
NC AgrAbility serves individuals who are limited by any type of physical, mental, or health-related disability, including (but not limited to):
- Arthritis
- Amputation
- Vision loss
- Hearing loss
- Mobility limitations
- Learning disabilities
- Autism
- Traumatic brain injury
- Mental disabilities
- Spinal cord Injuries
- Health related conditions such as cancer, respiratory or heart disease
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How can NC AgrAbility help you?
NC AgrAbility offers the following services at no cost:
- Conducting on-site assessments to identify barriers to completing tasks in the workplace and the home
- Recommending appropriate assistive technologies (adaptive equipment, tools, and/or devices), modified work practices, and/or other possible solutions to reducing disability-related limitations
- Access to informational materials on a variety of topics related to disability and agriculture
- Education/training opportunities through workshops, conferences, seminars, and on-line programs
- Making referrals to other service providers for potential assistance (e.g., financial, rehabilitative, educational) specific to the individual’s needs
- Arranging for peer support opportunities to connect individuals with others who have successfully accommodated their disabilities and continued to farm

NC AgrAbility does not provide direct funding or equipment. However, NC AgrAbility works with statewide Centers for Independent Living and other partnering agencies to assist individuals in locating or obtaining financial assistance.

What does NC AgrAbility do?
The mission of NC AgrAbility is to educate and assist farmers, ranchers and farmworkers engaged in production agriculture who are living with disabilities to enable them to stay actively engaged in production agriculture, agriculture-related occupations, and/or daily life.

NC AgrAbility works to improve the quality of life for these individuals by helping to eliminate or minimize obstacles that limit independence and productivity in agriculture.