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## Information:

# WY AgrAbility

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National Disability Awareness month is in October. I have sent out many emails on different topics. A few are: Disability etiquette; Autism month; Para Olympics; Warrior Games; Ms. Wheelchair USA 2013; Colorblindness and Maps; Reasonable accommodations information; AgrAbility information and much more. I am going to spot light on WY AgrAbility today.

<http://agrability.org/> This is the link to the website where there is lots of information and links.

There are also links for videos and Power Points from Perdue University on many topics including: Veterans and Agriculture: Opportunities for Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Enrichment; and Vocational Rehabilitation training modules.

The vision of AgrAbility is to “Enhance the quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities”. It addresses more than the obvious spinal injuries or amputations, it also addresses arthritis, back problems and many other health issues.

AgrAbility is sponsored by the USDA and is in 24 states, each involving numerous partnerships. In Wyoming it is partnered with the University of WY Cooperative Extension; Wyoming Institute for Disabilities; Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation and Wyoming Services for Independent Living.

Wyoming Agrability has a Demo Days Expo in Cheyenne and training workshops.

To read informative articles or search many topics go to the link below and sign up for the emails.

<http://wyomingagrability.wordpress.com/>

# THE TOOLBOX

## Assistive Technology Database

*The Toolbox: Agricultural Tools, Equipment, Machinery & Buildings for Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Disabilities* is a resource that contains assistive technology solutions for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities. You can [search](#) the Toolbox to find:

- Products
- Designs and Ideas
- Techniques and Suggestions



With the use of a Custom-Made Accessible Saddle, in many cases, riders with disabilities able to ride without having to be held up or led; some are even able to mount/dismount. Such saddles enable the riders to be fully supported, often via chair-type back supports, belts, extra padding, specially designed booties, etc.

More from: <http://agrability.org/>

There are many links to videos of people talking about their connection to AgrAbility and what it means to them at the following link:

<http://www.agrability.org/WhatAgrAbilityMeans/wamtm.cfm?Vid=v7Kp0WE6udw>

There are many ranchers out their dealing with things you can see and things you cannot. This is just a step in helping them keep doing the thing they love to do. And be successful in doing it.

If you know of anyone needing help or information please pass the information on.

