

# MID-ATLANTIC AGRABILITY PROJECT



**AgrAbility Provides Solutions.**

## AgrAbility Serves Farm Families Touched by Disabilities



**AgrAbility is About No Limit Thinking.**

**Are your physical limitations and health conditions preventing you from leading a productive life in agriculture?**

The Mid-Atlantic AgrAbility Project (MAAP) is part of a national program that promotes independence for farmers, watermen, loggers and poultry growers who want to continue to farm after experiencing a disabling condition.

MAAP's program goals are to inform, educate and assist farmers and agricultural workers with disabilities, as well as their families, so that they can continue to lead successful careers in agriculture.

AgrAbility helps farmers tackle the health challenges that sometimes come with farming like: amputation, arthritis, chronic back pain, hearing and visual impairment, respiratory problems, head injuries, stress, and other disabling conditions.



- AgrAbility supports farmers through:**
- Providing assistive technology such as a lift to provide access to your tractor;
  - Consultations to assess agricultural worksites and tasks;
  - Expert advice on equipment modifications, home modifications and adaptive equipment;
  - Loaning modified equipment for short term use;
  - Providing peer support;
  - Accessing resources such as service providers, health organizations, vocational rehabilitation, and others;
  - Providing education and training for rural professionals so they can assist farmers;
  - Identifying funding resources for modifications;
  - Information and referral.



**AgrAbility Removes Barriers through Assistive Technology.**

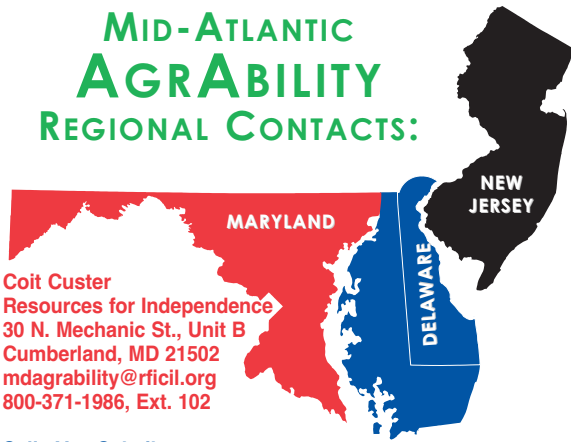
**Assistive Technology on the farm can be:**

- A remote control;
- Hand controls for tractors;
- A wheelchair, scooter or ATV for improved outdoor mobility;
- Platform or chair lifts to provide access to equipment;
- Tools that can be used one-handed;
- Automatic couplers for quick hook-up.



**AgrAbility Can Preserve Your Way of Life.**

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Provide AgrAbility Services:**

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University of Maryland

Rutgers University

University of Maryland-Eastern Shore

Delaware State University

Delaware Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services

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***“ When a disability  
strikes a farm family,  
everything changes  
except perhaps the desire  
to continue farming.”***

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