



# AGRAbility

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*Promoting Success in Agriculture for People  
with Disabilities and Their Families*



# A Partnership



Allies with Families

*EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO SUCCEED*



AgrAbility is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Help farmers and ranchers facing limitations due to injury, illness, disability, or aging remain in agriculture.

AgrAbility was created to help those in rural areas access disability resources.

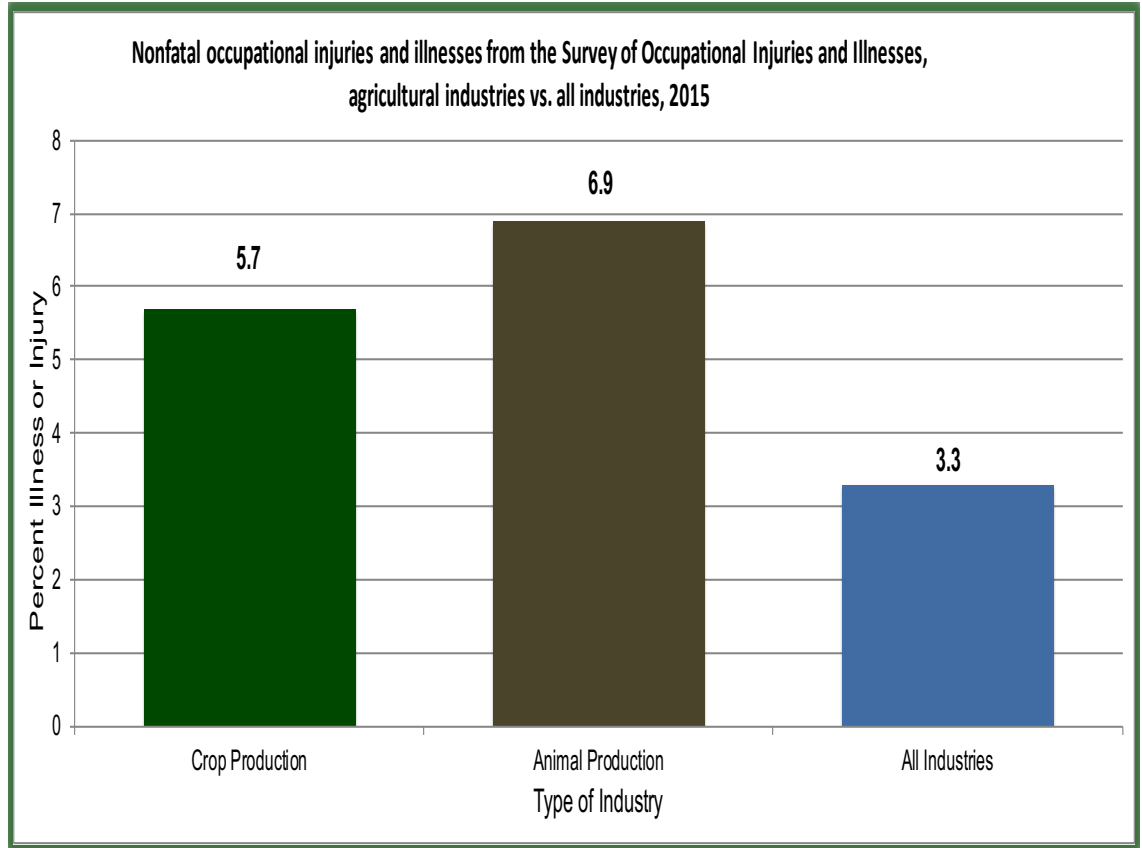
- AgrAbility services are free.
- AgrAbility does not pay for assistive technology.



# Why AgrAbility?

Farming and  
Ranching can be  
dangerous!

The incidence of  
illness or injury in  
agriculture is  
considerably higher  
than in other  
industries.



*Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015*

**Estimates suggest that there are 8,000 – 11,000 people in Utah farm households with a disabling condition.**

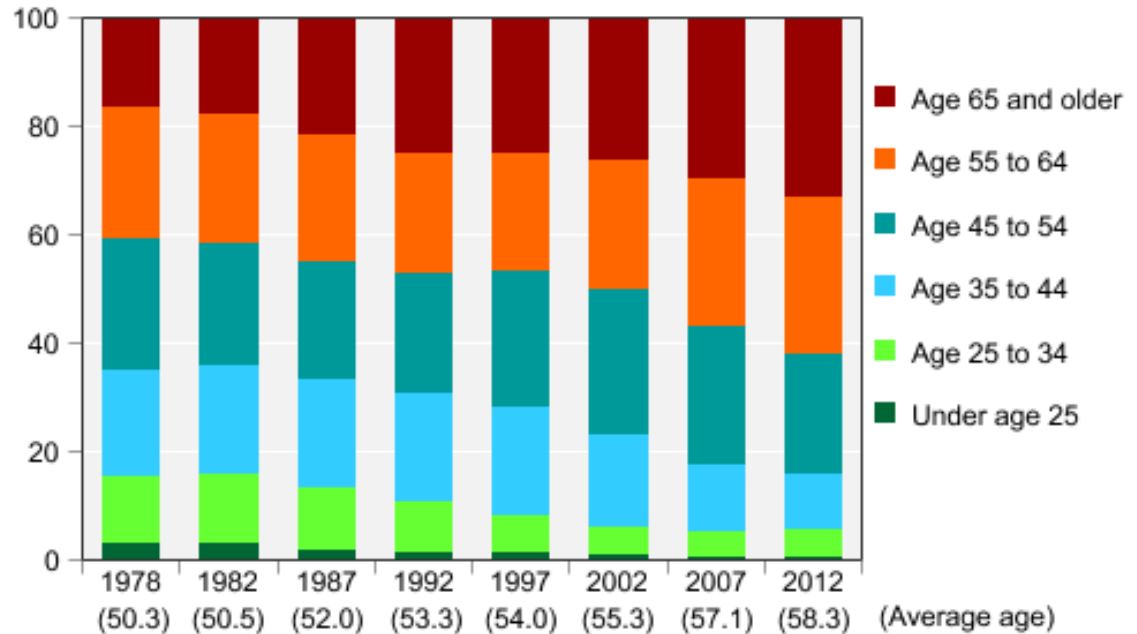
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The average age of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural managers is 58.3 yrs.

The average age of workers across all occupations is 42.2 yrs.

Age distribution of principal farm operators, 1978-2012

Percent of principal farm operators



Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Census of Agriculture, various years. Beginning in 1997, data are adjusted for coverage.

**The risk of injury and disability increases with age.**

## Farmers and Ranchers who:

- face limitations due to chronic illnesses and injuries, disabling conditions, or aging
- are engaged in production agriculture (\$1,000 or more annually from agriculture)
- operate land in Utah
- and their family members



# What Do We Offer?

Worksite  
Assessment



Service  
Coordination



Technology  
Recommendations



Safety  
Recommendations



## Work-Site Assessment

- On-Site Farm Assessment
- Barriers Identification
- Recommendations for
  - Equipment Modifications
  - Safety Improvements
  - Task Restructuring
- Funding Options and Referrals





## Work-Site Assessment

- Authorization from VR
- Client Info & Background
- Farm/Ranch Overview
- Farm Viability
- Disability Health Status
- Recommended Accommodations



## Technology Recommendations

Mobility



Mirrors &  
Cameras



Tractor  
Seating

## Technology Recommendations

Vehicle  
Controls



Irrigation



Livestock  
Handling

## Service Coordination and Referral

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Utah Assistive Technology Program
- Utah Center for Assistive Technology
- Centers for Independent Living
- Utah Work Incentives Planning Services
- USU Extension
- Farm Service Agency
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- FFA
- Veterans Association



## Safety Recommendations / Modified Work Practices



- Information on Managing Disabling Conditions in a Safe Manner
- Fact Sheets on Safe Work Practices

**AgrAbility Services are Confidential and Free!**

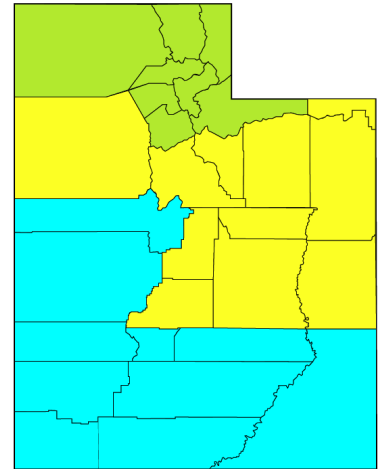
# What Do We Offer?

We also provide:

- Information and Referral
- Education/Outreach



## Resource Facilitators



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