



**FINDING AID TO
THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND
BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH, BREAKING NEW
GROUND RESOURCE CENTER, AGRABILITY,
RECORDS**

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Abstract	Guidebooks, newsletters, brochures, resource manuals, DVDs, and etc. documenting the service of Purdue's Breaking New Ground Resource Center and the U.S.D.A.'s AgrAbility Program.
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**Related Materials
Information:**

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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Purdue University. Breaking New Ground Center
United States. Department of Agriculture. AgrAbility
AgrAbility Project (U.S.)
Indiana. AgrAbility Project
Purdue University. Cooperative Extension Service

Topics

Disabled Persons—Farmers—United States
Disabilities
Disability in society
Farm families
United States. Agriculture
Indiana. Agriculture

Form and Genre Types

Guidebooks
Newsletters
Brochures
Resource manuals
DVDs

History of Breaking New Ground Resource Center, AgrAbility

Purdue has been serving farmers with disabilities since 1979, when “a farmer with a severe disability contacted Purdue University’s Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, seeking assistance on how to modify his tractor so he could continue farming.” Not long afterwards, the Breaking New Ground (BNG) Resource Center was established as an invitation service for farmers and rural residents in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s AgrAbility Project (established 1990) and several disability-and agriculture-related organizations. Along with the USDA AgrAbility Program and the Indiana AgrAbility Project, the BNG’s focus continues to center on education, networking, direct service, and marketing, as part of their outreach to disabled farmers and agricultural workers and their families.

Sources:

Information flyer, “Breaking New Ground Helps Farmers With Disabilities Succeed in Agriculture,” ASC collection file, provenance, Breaking New Ground Resource Center/AgrAbility (quoted)

Purdue University, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Agricultural Health and Safety website:

https://engineering.purdue.edu/ABE/Engagement/agricultural_safety.html

Purdue University, Indiana AgrAbility website:

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/~bng/>

Collection Description

Scope

The College of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Agricultural Safety and Health, Breaking New Ground Resource Center, AgrAbility, records (1982-2012; 3.4 cubic feet) contains various guidebooks (predominant 1990s), newsletters (2009-2012), brochures (predominant 2008, 2010-2012), resource manuals (1986-1987, 1991, 2000), DVDs (1990s-2000s), and other materials pertaining to the services of Purdue's Breaking New Ground Resource Center and the U.S.D.A. AgrAbility program. These records will be particularly useful for researchers interested in the types of assistance available to farmers and agricultural workers with physical disabilities.

The records are arranged chronologically by document type.

Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition / Describing
Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials housed in cubic-foot or manuscript boxes. Materials comprising Box 2 have been placed in acid-free folders.

Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 14.02.01-1 to UA 1 as of February 17, 2017.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1 Guidebooks, “Plowshares” Reports, and “Breaking New Ground” Newsletters, 1989-2000

Item

1. Guidebook, “Farm Family Safety & Health Workshop: Leader’s Guide,” 1995
2. Guidebook, “Making Career Decisions During a Time of Transition: A Guide for Extension Educators Working With Farmers During a Time of Transition,” 1999
3. Guidebook, “Bridging Horizons: An Advisor’s Guide to FFA Involvement for Members with Disabilities,” 1996
4. Guidebook, “Conducting Agricultural Worksite Assessments: A User’s Guide for Professionals Assisting Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Disabilities,” 2005
5. Guidebook, “Identifying, Selecting and Implementing Assistive Technology In the Agricultural Workplace,” 1996
6. Guidebook, “Making Career Decisions Following a Disability: A Guide for Farmers and Ranchers,” 1992
7. Guidebook, “Improving Farmstead Accessibility,” 1994
8. “Plowshares” Reports, Nos. 1-30, 1989-2000, undated
9. “Breaking New Ground” Newsletters, Vols. 1-10, 1982-1992
10. “Breaking New Ground” Newsletters, Vols. 11-18, 1993-2000

Box 2 Brochures, Flyers, Booklets, and Miscellaneous, 2004-2012

Folder

1. Booklets, 2011
2. Booklets, undated
3. Brochures, “Resource List,” 2004, 2008, 2010-2012
4. Brochures, Miscellaneous, 2008, 2012, undated
5. Flyer, 2008
6. Newsletter, “AgAbility Harvest,” 2010-2011
7. Newsletter, “News Note,” 2009-2012
8. Miscellaneous, Journal Article, “Estimating the Prevalence of Disability within the U.S. Farm and Ranch Population,” 2008

Box 3 Resource Manuals, Directories, and Assessment Booklets, 1986-2009

Item

1. Resource Manual, “The Toolbox: Agricultural Tools, Equipment, Machinery & Buildings for Farmers & Ranchers with Physical Disabilities,” Volume 3, 2000
2. Resource Manual, “Agricultural Tools, Equipment, Machinery & Buildings for Farmers & Ranchers with Physical Disabilities,” Volume 2, 1991
3. Resource Manual, “Agricultural Tools, Equipment, Machinery & Buildings for

4. Farmers & Ranchers with Physical Handicaps," Volume 1, 1986
4. Directory, "Indiana Directory of Disability Resources," 2005
5. Directory, "Indiana Directory of Disability Resources," 1991
6. Assessment Booklet, "Assistive Technology for Rural Youth: A Curriculum Package for FFA Chapters," 2009
7. Assessment Booklet, "Evaluating Agricultural Workplace Assistive Technology for the Secondary Injury Hazards," 2008
8. Assessment Booklet, "Agricultural Worksite Assessment Tool And User's Guide for Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Disabilities, 1988
9. Assessment Booklet, "Agricultural Worksite Assessment Tool for Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Disabilities," 1988
10. Resource Manual, "Modified Agricultural Equipment: Agricultural Equipment Manlifts for Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Handicaps," 1987
11. Resource Manual, "Enterprising Ideas for Farmers, Ranchers and Rural Families with Physical Disabilities," undated
12. Directory, "Indiana Directory of Disability Resources," 2007

Box 4 Multimedia Information Kits, DVDs, and CDs, 1989-2008, undated

Item

1. Multimedia Information Kit, "Improving Your Rural Business with the ADA," 1993
2. Multimedia Information Kit, "Careful Country Teacher's Kit," 1994
3. Multimedia Information Kit, "Cooperative Extension Service and Accessibility," 1995
4. Multimedia Information Kit, "A Perfect Fit: 4-H Involvement for Youth with Disabilities," 1996
5. Multimedia Information Kit, "To Everything There is a Season...: A Resource for Professionals Working With Caregivers of Farmers and Ranchers with Disabilities," 1997
6. DVD, "Gaining Ground on Arthritis: Managing Arthritis in the Agricultural Workplace," 2007
7. DVD, "National AgrAbility Video 1995," 1995
8. DVD, "Arthritis and Farmers," 1989
9. DVD, "AgrAbility: It's About Hope," 2008
10. DVD, "Cooperative Extension Service & Accessibility," undated
11. DVD, "Farming with an Upper Extremity Amputation," undated
12. DVD, "No. 11 AgrAbility: Partners," undated
13. DVD, "A Perfect Fit: 4-H Involvement for Youth with Disabilities," undated
14. DVD, "Tractor Safety," undated
15. CD, "Conducting Agricultural Worksite Assessments," 2005
16. CD, "The Toolbox CD: Agricultural Tools, Equipment, Machinery, and Buildings for Farmers and Ranchers with Physical Disabilities, 6th Edition," undated