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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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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:


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

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

Revision History
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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

Item
5. Guidebook, “Identifying, Selecting and Implementing Assistive Technology In the Agricultural Workplace,” 1996

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

Folder
1. Booklets, 2011
2. Booklets, undated
5. Flyer, 2008

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

Item
Farmers & Ranchers with Physical Handicaps,” Volume 1, 1986

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

Item
1. Multimedia Information Kit, “Improving Your Rural Business with the ADA,” 1993
5. Multimedia Information Kit, “To Everything There is a Season…: A Resource for Professionals Working With Caregivers of Farmers and Ranchers with Disabilities,” 1997
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
15. CD, “Conducting Agricultural Worksite Assessments,” 2005

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