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Arapahoe County hosts AgrAbility Workshop for disabled farmers and ranchers

Aurora, Colo. — The Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County will host a free Colorado AgrAbility Project workshop on 'Gear for Working Smarter' for disabled farmers and ranchers on Feb. 14. The workshop will take place 9 a.m. to noon at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave.. in Aurora.

The workshop will focus on equipment, vehicles and tools to assist those in the agricultural profession who face physical challenges, such as visual impairments, back, knee, hip or joint problems, arthritis, amputations, hearing difficulties, Multiple Sclerosis or other disabilities.

Topics will include vehicles, equipment, tools and modifications on a farm/ranch for accessibility and safety. It also will reveal tips for working with livestock, including specialized equipment and handling techniques, as well as an overview of AgrAbility services and consultations. Lunch will be provided at noon to all attendees who pre-register by Feb. 7.

The workshop also is open to health care, physical therapy and vocational rehabilitation providers who serve disabled farmers and ranchers.

To attend the free workshop, please download a registration form at www.arapahoextension.org or call Dr. Bob Fetsch at 970-491-5648.

Colorado State University Extension and Goodwill Industries together offer the Colorado AgrAbility Project, which provides on-site evaluations, resource information, disability workshops, equipment modification and assistive technology. The two agencies work closely with the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The Colorado AgrAbility Project is funded by the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

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