

It is because of success stories like these that AgrAbility PA recently was awarded continued funding in the amount of \$180,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA). The four-year grant, which is awarded annually, enables AgrAbility PA to provide a range of resources and support, including:

- On-site farm assessments
- Identification of safe and appropriate assistive technology, modifications, or equipment
- Information referral
- Access to educational training opportunities
- Referral to other service providers, such as occupational therapists
- Peer support opportunities

"AgrAbility PA is here to support ALL farmers and agricultural workers throughout the state," said Dr. Connie Baggett, Associate Professor of Agricultural and Extension Education at Penn State University and Project Director for AgrAbility PA. *"It is our mission to keep farmers with a disability working in or returning to the agriculture industry. We have been extremely successful at that over the last 20 years with support from state and federal agencies. We are especially grateful for the renewed financial support from USDA-NIFA."*



Marci Walborn, Director of Childhood and Ancillary Services and AgrAbility program manager at UCP, agrees, *"As an agency committed to meeting the needs of individuals of all ages and abilities, we are pleased to be a partner with Penn State Extension in supporting Pennsylvanians who desire to maintain their livelihood in agriculture."*

Todd Zimmerman, the dairy goat farmer who has benefited from the services he received from AgrAbility PA had this to say: *"If anyone is on the fence about contacting AgrAbility PA, I'd tell them to go ahead. It needs to be done to ensure you will be able to do the work you love."*

~ Todd Zimmerman

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