

AGRABILITY STATE-LEVEL SURVEY ARTHRITIS AND AGRICUTLURE

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STATE-LEVEL AGRABILITY SURVEY RESULTS

Arthritis and Agriculture

- **Currently serving individuals who have arthritis?**
 - 5 state-level AgrAbility Projects said yes, as a primary condition
 - 9 state-level AgrAbility Projects said yes, as a secondary condition
 - 5 state-level AgrAbility Projects said no, not at all
- **What are we doing for people who have arthritis?**
 - Providing information or resource materials on mobility aids
 - Providing information or resource materials on safety aids
 - Providing information and resource materials on technology and equipment
 - Providing information on prevention of more secondary complications
 - State-level AgrAbility staff members reported, “We tend to focus on the primary condition” and not the secondary condition.
 - State-level AgrAbility staff members reported, “Arthritis is common, people just live with it.”
 - State-level AgrAbility staff members reported this is an **“UNDERSERVED POPULATION.”**
 - State-level AgrAbility staff members reported they serve farmers and ranchers with arthritis by providing **“TECHNOLOGY—MEDICAL —EDUCATION”**
- **Who is making referrals for farmers and ranchers with arthritis?**
 - DVR
 - Extension Specialist
 - Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC)
 - Arthritis Foundation
 - Word of Mouth
 - Media (farm press, community events)
 - Breaking New Ground Resource Center (BNG)
 - Health Professionals (OT, PT)

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- **What agriculture and arthritis resources do you need?**
 - Resource to get referrals
 - Product/technology resource
 - Pictures and information on the internet (updated frequently)
 - Remember to tell what to do and WHY
 - Resource geared for young people
 - Joint by joint resource including: exercises, prevention, body mechanics, joint protection, specific challenges and solutions
 - A reminder sheet for “us” to remember what to ask farmers about their arthritis
 - A prevention resource...what conditions are more prone to arthritis, how to prevent further damage
 - Any resource that spans the disciplines
 - A “What You Can Do For Yourself” resource
 - **DIVERSITY OF RESPONSES....DIVERSITY OF RESPONDERS??**

AGRICULTURE, ARTHRITIS, AND AGRABILITY THEMES

Opportunity or Challenge

- Arthritis is a problem in the agriculture community
- Serving all of their needs to the best of our abilities
- Finding unity in our diversity
- Reaching farmers or ranchers who have arthritis
- Developing resources to fill the needs of all involved