

New Mexico AgrAbility Project (NMAP)

2025 AgrAbility National Training Workshop

March 24-27 **Save the Date!**

Join us in **Las Cruces, NM** on March 24-27, 2025, for the AgrAbility National Training Workshop, the premier training event addressing issues of disability in agriculture. Professionals and consumers from all over the country will participate in four days of plenary sessions, breakouts, tours, networking, and special events. Rooms are available at the **Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces**, and the conference will be held at the **NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum**.



NMAP Partners:



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Need: AgrAbility was established in the 1990 Farm Bill to enhance quality of life for farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities, so that they, their families, and their communities continue to succeed in rural America. Census data indicate that an estimated 19% of farmers (395,000 people) and 9% of farmworkers (134,000 people) deal with disabilities and that New Mexico has the 4th highest quintile, est. between between 20.6% – 22.9% farmer disability. <https://doi.org/10.13031/jash.12934>.

Program outcomes: Cultivating Accessible Agriculture: AgrAbility's primary task is disseminating evidence-based information to the public through information & referral, on-site technical assistance, education, training, peer support, and accommodations. NMSU CES coordinates and utilizes NMAP partner resources: Mandy's Farm's AgrAbility Apprenticeship Program, NMTAP's Assistive Technology (AT) services, and UNM's Occupational Therapy (OT) graduate program.

Impact: NMAP provided direct assistance to 41 people in year 1-2 of the program, reached almost 500 people per year through 20 educational events, marketed AgrAbility information to about 1,700 people at 20 events, and reached 6,000 people through e.note networking, for a total of >10K people at 69 events. As a result of the recent program growth, NMAP was able to attract the NAP National Training Workshop to Las Cruces, NM on March 24-27, 2025. In addition, the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is opening a specific AgrAbility Exhibit on January 23, 2025.

Impact through Direct Assistance (clients) is the key metric for AgrAbility success!

- Direct assistance (Yr. 1-2): 41 clients
- Education (Yr. 1-2): 899 people at 20 events
- Marketing (Yr 1-2): 1,699 people at 20 events
- Networking (e.note): reach est. 7,500
- Total reach: 10,139 at 69 events



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