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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 'Getting Around the Farm and Ranch' for disabled farmers and ranchers on Thursday, Feb. 9. 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 access to property, structures, workshops and livestock for 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 modifications for gates and doors, vehicles and equipment controls, access to irrigation structures, pen and barn layout, lifts and ramps, and organization of the farm/ranch workshop for accessibility. It also will reveal tips for working with livestock, including specialized equipment and handling techniques.

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.arapahoeextension.org or call CSU Extension- Arapahoe County at 303-730-1920 to request that one be sent to you. Lunch will be provided at noon to all attendees who pre-register by Feb. 2.

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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