

## Introduction

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, West Virginia experienced the highest increase in the number of farms of any state in the country in 2006. Though farming is a rewarding and meaningful form of employment, it can also be risky, with potential primary, secondary or repetitive stress injuries translating into physical limitations on the job.

Occupational therapists and physical therapists can play an important role in preparing farmers to return home, where they can work, live and play safely and productively.



This workshop, sponsored by WV AgrAbility, the WV Occupational Therapy Association, and the Division of Physical Therapy at WVU, will help increase OTs, PTs and rehabilitation professionals cultural competency while providing care to the agricultural population, who seek treatment in metropolitan as well as rural clinics.



West Virginia AgrAbility  
c/o Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living  
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Elkins, WV 26505

# Rural Rehabilitation: Agricultural Assessment and Accommodation

September 11-12, 2009 • Lewisburg



**A Two-day workshop for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists**

## Participating Instructors

**Safety Specialist**—WVU Safety and Health Extension provides occupational safety and health training and technical while seeking to decrease occupational injury, illnesses, and fatalities in West Virginia

**Extension Agent**—WVU Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension assists owners and users in the wise use of agriculture and natural resources in a sustainable manner by a partnership of researchers, educators, and citizens.

**Occupational Therapist**—Occupational and Physical Therapy incorporates meaningful and purposeful work to enable people with limitations or impairments to participate in everyday life.

**Operations Manager**—WV AgrAbility is a partnership of organizations specializing in assistive technology solutions for farmers and farm family members with disabilities who choose to continue in agriculture



## Directions & Lodging

Brier Inn  
540 N. Jefferson Street  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
(304) 645-7722  
[www.brierinn.com](http://www.brierinn.com)

Brier Inn is located right off of I64 on Route 219 in Lewisburg. Overnight accommodations are available at \$65.55 per night (plus tax). Please be sure to refer to the West Virginia AgrAbility Training as **Group 424** when making reservations.

## Agenda

### Day One, September 11

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. *Registration*

10:30 a.m. *Introductions, Material overview*

11:00 a.m. *AgrAbility overview*

11:30 a.m. *Farm Culture, Lunch*

1:15 to 5:00 p.m.

*Farm Environment, Work Tasks & Hazards*

*Farm Site Assessment*

*Rehabilitations/Interventions*

*Agricultural Worksite Accommodations*

*Case Study Assignments*



### Day Two, September 12

7:30 a.m. Board Vans for WVU Farm

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

*Case Studies: Farm Operations & Equipment*

*Agricultural Equipment & Utility Vehicles*

*Livestock Handling Facilities*

*Agricultural Machinery & Implements*

*Return to Hotel*

11:00 a.m. *Case Study Debriefing & Recommendations*

12:00 p.m. *Resources*

1:00 p.m. *Evaluation/Closing*

An application has been submitted for ten contact hours for both OT and PT participants. Registrants who complete the 10 hours will receive a certificate of completion, a training binder, and a copy of AT Solutions in Minutes—Make a Difference Today by Dr. Therese Willkomm.

## Registration

Registration deadline: September 1, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an:

Occupational Therapist     Rehab. Specialist

Physical Therapist     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Registration \$100

Full-time Student discount \$25

(75% off regular rate)

School and year in program: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
West Virginia AgrAbility—NWCIL

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