

*“People with intellectual and developmental disabilities face some of the largest hurdles to entering the workforce and as a result experience the highest unemployment rate.”  
(Butterworth et al., 2011)*

**Purpose of the Workshop:**

To discover how agriculture can be a viable work environment for individuals with developmental disabilities

**Workshop Objectives:**

- Increase knowledge and understanding of employment for people with developmental disabilities in agricultural settings
- Learn about existing agricultural models that employ people with developmental disabilities
- Identify resources and challenges that impact employment

**Keynote Workshop Speakers:**

- Patricia Wright,  
National Easter Seals Austim  
Services Director
- Steve Muller,  
The Homestead, Altoona IA
- Panel discussion with local  
farm programs

**Hotel Accommodations:**

**Location:** Ramada Plaza  
4900 Sinclair Rd. Columbus, OH 43229  
1-877-609-6086  
www.ramadaplazacolumbus.com

**Hotel Rooms:**

\$ 74.00 per night (plus tax)

*Workshop Sponsored by:*



*The Ohio AgrAbility Program is part of a national program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that promotes independence for people in agriculture who want to continue to farm after experiencing a disabling condition. The Ohio State University has partnered with Easter Seals to help bring this program to you at the local level. Our Program's goal is to provide education, resources, and technical assistance to those individuals and their families so they may continue to be successful in agriculture.*

Find out more about the program  
at [www.agrability.osu.edu](http://www.agrability.osu.edu)



**Building Independence  
through Agriculture  
for People with  
Developmental Disabilities**

**February 19, 2013  
Tuesday**

**Ramada Plaza  
4900 Sinclair Rd.  
Columbus OH 43229**

**Registration Deadline:  
February, 12, 2013**

Tuesday  
February 19, 2013

Ramada Plaza  
Columbus, Ohio

**8:30- 9:00 Registration**

**9:00- Welcome- Dee Jepsen, Ohio AgrAbility  
Program Director**  
Ohio AgrAbility Staff and Special Guests

**9:30- Keynote Speaker- Ohio Department of  
Developmental Disability**

Overview of cognitive disabilities and  
implications of employment issues when  
workers are faced with Developmental  
Disability & Intellectual Disability.

**10:15- Steve Muller, The Homestead,  
Altoona IA**

Applied solution of employing workers with  
Developmental Disability & Intellectual  
Disability in agricultural work environments.

**11:45- Lunch with Panel Discussion**

Presentations by current Ohio agricultural  
disability programs.

**1:00- Bittersweet Farm**

Detailed look into an existing agricultural  
employment opportunity model.

**1:45- Brad Bergefurd-OSU Extension  
Specialist, Horticulture and Vegetable Crops**

**2:15- Patricia Wright, National Easter Seals  
Autism Services Director**

Working through the system and processes with  
developmental & intellectual disabled workers  
including: supplemental security income and  
rehabilitative services.

**3:15 Open Discussion Session**

What are the opportunities and the roadblocks  
for employing people in agriculture? How can  
Ohio encourage best practice models? How  
can AgrAbility help through technical  
assistance?

**4:00 Wrap Up and Evaluation**

**4:15 Have a Safe Trip Home!**

Please mail the registration form and payment  
to: Ohio AgrAbility Program  
Attn: Kent McGuire  
590 Woody Hayes Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43210

If you have any questions, please contact Kent  
McGuire at mcguire.225@osu.edu or  
614-292-0588.



Workshop Registration Form

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees:

	Number	Fee
Professional	_____	x \$40
<i>(Health Service, Farm Managers, Organization Staff, etc.)</i>		

Family Rate	_____	x \$25
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Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash or Check only*  
*(made payable to Ohio State University- AgrAbility Program)*

**Deadline to register is February 12, 2013!**

Names of additional attendees:

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Accommodation Needs:

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