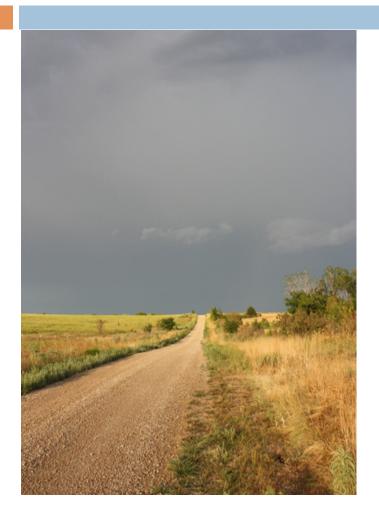
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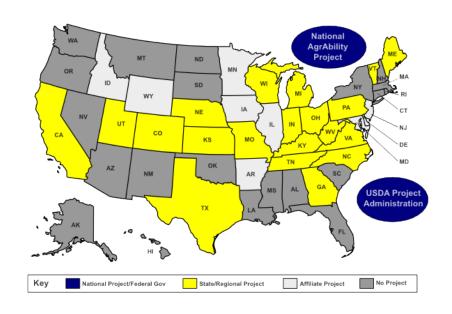
#### ROADMAP



- Need for growers
- Opportunities for beginning growers
- Kansas AgrAbility structure and services
- Modifications for beginning growers



- Goal: Promoting success in agriculture for people with disabilities and their families
- U.S. needs 1 million more farmers, ranchers, growers



## WHO IS A BEGINNING GROWER?





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## WHAT INTERESTS YOU?







# PRODUCE? FLOWERS?













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# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS?



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# OTHER PRODUCTS?









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## HOW TO START?

■ What interests you?

Do you have the space for growing? Can you find it in your community?

■ Where can you sell it?

■ Who would buy it?





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## DO YOU NEED HELPS

□ Is there a task that is

hard to do?

Do you need reminders?







#### WHAT ARE SOME OTHER SUPPORTS?

Show and tell section.

# HOW DO YOU REACH KANSAS AGRABILITY?

- □ Call your regional ATK Access Site office.
  - 800 KAN DO IT (800-526-3648)
- Tell them what you want to do. They will have an AgrAbility AT Ag Specialist contact you.
  - AT Ag Specialists are in Oakley, Salina, and Parsons but they do travel.

#### AGRABILITY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Kansas AgrAbility staff will come to you. They will:
- Look at all the tasks involved in your agricultural effort including the things that are hard to do or that you can't do right now. Share information on possible solutions.
- See if there is anyone who does something like what you're doing and what modifications they use if possible.
- Let you try out the solution if it's available.
- Help you figure out if there is funding available for the selected modification.

### HOW IT WORKS

- We want to understand the your priorities.
- Consider solutions that can be adapted in the future.
- Educate potential funders about your different needs.
- Help develop a plan to obtain prioritized solutions and public and private funders to approach.
- Outline possible future solutions with your, your family and others in your world who may be helpful.

# QUESTIONS?

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