



## CAP NEWSLETTER FALL 2015

*They're Back!*

*Winter Workshops*

*Maybe they are not spooky but you can learn a lot. Get registered and enjoy some time spent with fellow farmers while you learn how AgrAbility might help make your work easier.*

**Hayden:** Thursday, October 29, 2015, Hayden Police Dept., 249 Hawthorne St. Hayden, CO 816632  
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**Mancos:** Thursday, November 5, 2015 Southwest Colorado Community College, ITC Building, 33057 Highway 160 Mancos, CO 81328-9196 Tom Hooten (970) 565-3123

**Alamosa:** Friday, November 6, 2015 SLV Water Conservancy District Office. 623 4th St. Alamosa, CO  
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**Burlington:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016 County Extension Office 817 15th St. Burlington, CO 80807  
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**Rocky Ford:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 Extension Office in Rocky Ford, 411 North 10<sup>th</sup> Rocky Ford, CO 81067  
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**Aurora:** Tuesday, February 9, 2016 Arapahoe County Fairgrounds & Event Center, Room 1, 25690 East Quincy Avenue Aurora, CO 80016 Johnathan Vrabac (303) 730-1920

**Greeley:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 SW Weld County Service Center, large conference room, 4209 County Road 24-1/2 Keith Maxey (970) 304-6535 X 2075

**Sterling:** Friday, February 12, 2016 County Extension Office, 508 South 10th Ave. Sterling, CO 80751  
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# Vocational Rehab available to help farmers with disabilities

Vocational Rehabilitation can offer services to farmers and ranchers with disabilities that assist them in finding ways to regain or maintain their employment in agriculture. The first step an individual must take is applying for services. A vocational rehabilitation counselor can then determine whether an individual is eligible for services. Once eligibility has been determined the counselor and client can work together to determine the types of services that are most suitable for the client. This process usually results in a written rehabilitation plan that identifies the client's vocational goal, VR services, and funding needed to attain the goal. Although VR staff services are free, individuals are encouraged to participate and contribute to their rehabilitation plan if they can afford to. Particularly in agricultural occupations, assistive technology needs can often be quite expensive. Availability of funds from VR varies. AgrAbility staff recommends generating as many potential funding solutions as possible to acquire the needed assistive technology resources.

VR services include:

- Assessment,
- Vocational testing
- Vocational guidance and counseling
- Funding Training or education
- And more....

Contact information for the nearest Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation office can be located in the state government pages of the phone book or on the web: [www.dvrcolorado.com](http://www.dvrcolorado.com)

Services provided by the Colorado AgrAbility Project are at no cost to the farmer/rancher and are funded by a grant forming a partnership between Colorado State University Extension and Goodwill Industries Denver. These services include:

- Information
- On-site visit
- Farm/ranch Situational Assessment
- Advocacy
- Assistance with locating resources and funding for assistive technology needs

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