“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 Autism 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

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
Workshop Registration Form

Name:
Organization Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone:
Email:

Registration Fees:
Number Fee
Professional ______ x $40
(Health Service, Farm Managers, Organization Staff, etc.)
Family Rate ______ x $25

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:

Accommodation Needs:

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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!