

Veteran Ag Partners

A list of organizations, agencies, and non-profits that serve Veterans

- Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC)
- Homegrown by Heroes
- National AgrAbility Project: Veterans
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- NCAT: Armed to Farm - Ag Training for Vets
- PA Dept. of Agriculture
- PA Veteran Farming Project / Troops to Tractors
- REAch Wounded Veterans' Program
- Rodale Institute: Veteran Farmer Training
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: New Farmers
- Veterans Administration (VA)
- Veteran Urban Farming Project
- Warfighter Gardens
- Work Vessels For Vets (WVfV)

More resources online:

agrabilitypa.org/veterans
or scan the QR Code



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Promoting success in agriculture for farmers with a disability or long-term health condition

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 **AgrAbilityPA**
Veterans in Agriculture

Farmer Veteran: Cathie Dibert

Cathie served our country as a Specialist E4 in Army military intelligence. Upon returning to Claysburg, Cathie Dibert, owner of Green"er" Acres Farm, made the move into agriculture after her military service. She enrolled in the *Homegrown by Heroes* and *Pennsylvania Preferred* labeling programs.

Cathie worked with AgrAbility PA and PA's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) to identify modifications and equipment that would facilitate her farming efforts.

“ I wouldn't be able to do what I do. ”

Photo: Cathie works in her raised beds located on a hillside. The ground would otherwise be unusable.



About AgrAbility

AgrAbility for Pennsylvanians provides a critical service to the state's agricultural community. AgrAbility PA assists farmers and agricultural workers with a disability or long-term health condition by providing direct services and support needed to return to or begin working in production agriculture. These services and support extend to the men and women who are serving or have served in the military.

There is no cost for services or support from AgrAbility PA, however, the project does not provide direct funding or equipment.

Services & Support

- **On-site farm assessments** to help identify barriers to successful completion of tasks
- **Identification** of safe and appropriate modifications, equipment, or assistive technology
- **Peer and caregiver support**
- **Educational opportunities**
- **Referrals and information** about federal, state, and local resources

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Vets in Agriculture

- **41% of Veterans live in rural America**
- **There can be similarities between military life and agricultural life**
- **Many occupations and hobbies are available in agriculture** for individuals with disabilities, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

Agriculture can offer:

- **Flexible work schedule**
- **Sense of accomplishment**
- **Source of therapy**
- **Opportunity to use skills gained in the military**
- **Option to work alone or with others**