

AgrAbility of Utah Quick Facts

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Promoting Success in Agriculture for Farmers and Ranchers with Disabilities and their Families

Did you know?

- Total number of farms in Utah: 16,700
- Farm households contain 63,981 individuals in Utah
- The average household size for a farm family is 3.83
- The net income per farm/ranch was only \$15,533
- The Federal Poverty guideline for a household size of four is: \$22,040
- 60% of Utah Farms reported a net loss in 2007

Disability

- It is conservatively estimated that 26% (over one in four) farmers and ranchers have a disability which inhibits their ability to work. (the disability rate for the average U.S. worker is 14%)
- Farmers are **twice** as likely to sustain a disabling injury than the average U.S. worker and **six times** more likely to be killed on the job.
- AgrAbility of Utah estimates that between 8,398 and 11,120 farmers and ranchers in Utah have a disability. Or between 32 and 45%

Access

- The rural West has the lowest availability of healthcare professionals of any region in the country.
- A higher percentage people in very rural areas (called frontier areas) live in poverty. All 50 of the poorest counties in the U.S. are frontier.

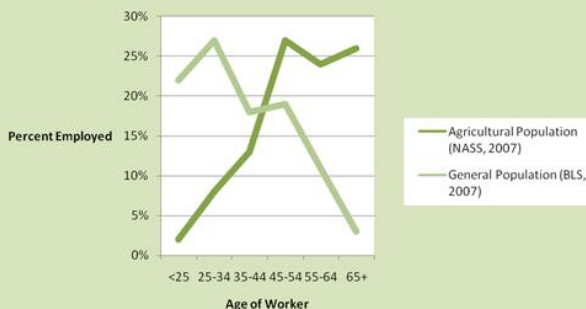
Mental Health

- Farmers commit suicide at twice the rate of the average population
- Farmers report consistently report higher rates of stress/anxiety symptoms ranging between 30 and 80%
- All but three of Utah's Counties are considered underserved by mental health providers. 90% of psychologists and psychiatrists and 80% of social workers work in metropolitan areas.

Age:

The average age of Farmers: 57

Utah Workforce Participation by age:
 Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Populations



Age of AgrAbility Clientele

