

AgrAbility Contest Winners Announced

The Oklahoma AgrAbility Project is proud to announce the winners of this year's AgrAbility FFA Contest. The contest invited FFA chapters from across the state to help an agriculturalist in their home town address and overcome a barrier to farming caused by a disability. Winners were awarded \$1,000 for first place, \$800 for second place and \$600 for third place; and they will be recognized at this year's AgrAbility Day at the Capitol on March 26, 2012. This year's winners are:

Ø First Place: Amber-Pocasset FFA Chapter whose project created an elevated planting system designed to eliminate the need to stoop over to garden.

Ø Second Place: Okarche FFA Chapter with a unique rolling design meant to aide a local farmer in loading a 'popper,' a transportation device for show pigs.

Ø Third Place: Bethel FFA Chapter who created a specialized walker designed to benefit a rancher with Parkinsons disease.

The contest is designed to provide a community oriented agricultural experience that will allow chapter members the opportunity to make a positive difference in their communities by helping farmers and their families overcome physical barriers. The challenge for the contest is to assist with making low cost modifications to the farm or ranch of a person with a disability in their community. This includes building adaptive equipment or modifications that will allow an individual to perform a once difficult or impossible task with less effort.