

Maine AgrAbility: Supporting Our Rural Economy

Maine has a strong agricultural heritage that is part of our quality of place. Agricultural goods and services contribute millions of dollars each year to the local economy. Maine agriculture takes many forms including:

- Fishing the water
- Farming the land
- Working the forest

To support employment in agriculture, Maine AgrAbility addresses health, safety and the prevention of injuries on the water, on the farm and in the forest.



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FishAbility

Fishing for a Lifetime

Part of **Maine AgrAbility**



Maine AgrAbility supports farmers, and farm workers who experience barriers to employment such as aging, injury, or chronic illness.



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What Is Maine FishAbility?

FishAbility is part of the Maine AgrAbility Program. The mission is to work with fishermen whose productivity has been impacted by chronic illness or injury. We offer resources and information to help them remain successfully employed.

How Can FishAbility Help?

We offer practical solutions to help fishermen work safely and productively. Consultation services include:

- On-site assessment
- Education and training
- Support advocacy
- Community connections
- Safety planning
- Equipment modification ideas
- Connection to business planning

We network with agricultural professionals, employment specialists, and health care providers to connect fishermen and their families with available resources.

Services are available at no charge.

Who Can Use FishAbility?



We work with owners, operators, managers, employees and family members of fishing businesses who experience barriers of aging, injury and chronic illness such as, but not limited to:

- Arthritis
- Back pain and injury
- Hearing and vision related issues
- Spinal cord injury
- Heart conditions and stroke
- Limb loss
- Head injury
- PTSD
- Mental health issues

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