

# *ARTHRITIS AND AGRICULTURE DRIVING RURAL AWARENESS FOR HEALTHY JOINTS!*



*“Healthy joints enable rural agricultural workers to farm safe.”*

The Indiana Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is leading a nationwide “Arthritis and Agriculture” initiative as part of a 4-year National AgrAbility Project grant. The grant is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, and is administered through Purdue University’s Breaking New Ground Outreach Center, the lead organization in the National AgrAbility Project.

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In addition to presenting training and educational workshops and providing “Arthritis and Agriculture” materials at state and national conferences, outreach programs include county fair booths, print and electronic materials, and internet webinars. For more information on hosting an “Arthritis and Agriculture” seminar in your area, or to request printed information, please contact Amber Wolfe.

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