



# FenceLine

Minnesota AgrAbility Peer Support Network



Name: Dale Baerg

Age: 40

Lives: Butterfield, Minnesota

Farms: Corn and Soybeans

Injury: Quadriplegic, from having a horse fall on him

This picture shows an “Invacare Arrow XT”. Quote: “This is a VERY good outdoor chair. It has the power to climb or pull heavy loads. If you had a tree branch on our lawn that you could not drag by hand, the Arrow XT would pull it with ease. It also is very stable on rough ground and comes with a very good solid seat. The tires are wide enough to carry you over soft ground, and “track” to drive through mud or snow without getting stuck.”



Technology has helped Dale return to farming. This is a chair lift that allows Dale access to his tractor. This chair lift is manufactured in Indiana. It will move from ground level, to inside the cab beside the tractor seat for an easy transfer into the cab. This lift was added to Dale’s new Agcostar tractor.



This former Ditch Witch has been modified by Dale and his father and brother-in-law to become a wheelchair-accessible yard tractor.

Now Dale uses it to do everything from checking fields and grading driveways to plowing snow.



This “Ditch Witch” has been extensively modified. Originally you sat on a seat and had a 4-speed transmission between your knees. Now it is hydrostatic drive, with all pumps and motors below the “flat floor.” The hydraulics are all plumbed with electric hydraulic valves. The lift, which allows Dale to access the back of the tractor and closes to provide the “door”, was originally a Braun electric hydraulic lift from a van.



Tri-Pin steering knob allows a person with no grasp abilities to hold the steering wheel. This tractor steers with a “joystick”, just like a power wheelchair. Implements are raised and lowered via electric switches beside joystick. A similar setup is used in his Agcostar tractor.