



FenceLine

Minnesota AgrAbility Peer Support Network

David Zimmerman

Age: 40



Lives: near Courtland, Minnesota

Farm Operation: hogs, corn, soybeans

Injury: Dave has a T-5 paraplegia. He sustained a spinal cord injury in a motorcycle /automobile accident.

Barrier: Dave uses a wheelchair for mobility.

David wants to participate with Fenceline because: “I hope to help someone that might need help with questions and concerns as with being a paraplegic.”

Dave’s hog operation is modified with a gravity-fed feed storage bin. This bin runs into this cart that Dave is able to independently wheel to each pen. This area was cemented to provide stable surface throughout the Minnesota seasons.





Lifts help David to enter his combine, tractors, and gator. His gator is equipped with a wheelchair lift so that Dave always has his wheelchair with him.



David has the help of his Golden Retriever, Belle, to pick up objects that he has dropped, or to bring him items such as tools or clothing. She is trained to return to the house if he becomes stranded.