



Fenceline

Minnesota AgrAbility Peer Support Network



Vernon DeRaad

Age: 63

Lives: on a farm near Hayfield, Minnesota with his wife Kathryn.

Farm operation: Heifer cow/calf operation

Injury: In 1988, Vern became entangled in a PTO and injured his shoulder and arm. He fell and sustained a L-2 burst back fracture in 1993. In 1996 he fell again and refractured the second lumbar and created an L-4 compression fracture.

Barriers: Vern has decreased strength in his right arm. He is restricted to lifting less than 20 pounds and has difficulty climbing tractor steps and walking distances.



Vern is unable to carry feed and equipment around his farmyard. Walking for any distance causes back pain. This gator helps him to bring feed to his livestock and move about his farm.



Vern has added steps to his tractor and his combine in order to enter and exit comfortably and safely.

Vern and Kathryn want to participate in Fenceline because: “ We know the difference these products have made in our farming business.”

