# Products and Techniques to Stay Active and Safe on the Farm

**Videos listed below are found at** [**https://agrability.ksu.edu/videos/**](https://agrability.ksu.edu/videos/)

**Low Vision: Tools and Techniques for your Work Bench** (7:37)

Describes products and DIY solutions to make your work and tool bench more accessible with recommendations to increase contrast, find tools with larger print, talking measuring tapes, added lighting, and more. Demonstrated by Cassie Ramon, AT AgrAbility Specialist, Kansas AgrAbility.

1. **Foam core board**, $.80 at Walmart or Dollar General type stores, white or black board to help you find objects on the board.
2. **Silicone cutting boards**, < $2.00, variety of colors and sizes at Walmart or Dollar General type stores. Customize the color of your workbench.
3. **Stanley color-coded screwdrivers**, $22.00 for a set of 8, flat (red) and Phillips (blue) screwdrivers to help you locate the type you need.
4. **Color-coded electrical tape**, $2.59 at Walmart or Dollar General type stores, color code tools or parts to tools that you have.
5. **Good-grips or Grip-Guard** **spray**, $7 - $8 at most hardware stores, spray that has grit or sand in them to help with grip. Also comes in different colors.
6. **My Eyes or Black Widow measuring tape**, $15.00 - $25.00 at most hardware stores, has inverted colors (yellow numbers on black background) and extra-large numbers. Found at many hardware stores.
7. **Talking measuring tape**, $120.00 at Walmart. Amazon carries them too.
8. **Big Eye High Visibility Light** (Maxiaids and others), $79 - $120, tabletop light with an attached magnifying glass, improves your task lighting and helps you see detail. Comes in floor lamp size too.

**One-Handed Gate Latches**

Gates can be difficult to operate. One-handed gate latches can be the answer. Good one-handed latches should open and close from both sides, allow the gate to swing in either direction, self-latch when released, and be secure and reliable. Not yet loaded to KS AgrAbility, found at[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ7IdDSQJl4&feature=youtu.be**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ7IdDSQJl4&feature=youtu.be)**.**

1. Roundup Gate Latch – 2 way. $18.83
2. Speeco Two-way Lockable Gate Latch, $21.99

**LogOX 3-in-1 Forestry Multitool**

### The LogOX 3-in-1 Multitool helps individuals with back, knee, and hip problems to cut, carry, and roll logs. You can use it to lift, move, and load logs onto a splitter without bending over, or lift and drag logs with a smaller diameter to keep your chain from striking the ground while bucking log rounds. Product demonstration by Stuart Jones, Assistive Technology for Kansans and Loren Johannes, Topeka farmer.

1. LogOX 3-in-1 Forestry MultiTool, $189 at <https://www.thelogox.com/products/logox-3-in-1>.

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**Mantis ComposT-Twin**

The Mantis ComposT-Twin is a double barrel composter that is easy to use, no shovel needed.

1. Approximately $650 at <https://mantis.com/product/compost-twin/>. Other sites have similar products for $350 - $700.

**Cotton Work Gloves with PVC Dots**

Cotton Work Gloves with PVC Dots can help individuals with diminished grip strength or weakened hand grasp to secure handheld items.

1. Approximately $10 at most hardware, farm stores.

**Magnetic Gloves**

# Magnetic Gloves by MagnoGrip feature a magnetic strip across the top of the glove and secures screws, nails, nut, bolts, drill and driver bits, and anything else that is made of steel to the glove. Perfect if you are working on a ladder to make sure you don’t drop a screw or a bit and have to climb down and back up.

1. Approximately $25 at most hardware, farm stores.

**Bin Level Indicator**

The Bin Level Indicator by LevALERT provides an easy to see from ground level, safer way to determine if the grain is to the bin indicator level with a bright yellow, reflective material easily seen with a flashlight.

1. LevAlert Grain Level Indicator, $128 at <https://www.qcsupply.com/312037-levalert-indicator.html>.

**EazyHold Universal Cuff**

The EazyHold Universal Cuff helps individuals of all ages hold onto items with ease. EazyHold straps are made of soft, flexible food-grade silicone, hypoallergenic, latex free, and dishwasher safe.

1. Eazyhold cuff, $19.99 – $35.00, depending on size. Can be found at <https://eazyhold.com/> and other independent living aid websites.

**Platform Lift for Machinery Access**

Marcus Bolte Platform/Standing Lift Demo

Kansas farmer shows how a chain drive standing or platform lift works on a tractor.

1. Price varies depending on machinery and installer, $2,500 - $4,000.