



RURAL SOLUTIONS

Rural Solutions supports farmers and farm family members who have acquired a disability through accident or illness, with accommodations that allow them to continue their way of life and live in their rural communities. This service is not available through any other entity in Iowa.



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farmers and farm families served in 20/21 FY

RESULTS

» **\$27,580** cost savings to other state-funded programs because farmers with disabilities accessed Durable Medical Equipment Loans or equipment modifications through Easterseals Iowa. Items loaned can include power and manual wheelchairs, hospital beds and adaptive bathroom devices. Modifications, such as installing a hand break or lift on a tractor, are done by Rural Solutions Team Members.

2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Provide \$180,000 in funding to the Easterseals Iowa Rural Solutions program within the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget to continue providing supports and services to Iowa farmers and farm family members with disabilities.