

Farming and Gardening with Vision Loss

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About Me

Former Information Specialist for the KATS Network

Retired Self employed builder and landlord

Live on farm in Bardstown with wife Lee where we raise cattle and grow a variety of fruits and vegetables



Garden Boxes

Strings line vegetable rows and act as a navigational aid

3ft x 4ft garden boxes surrounding crops so I know where to weed

Box limits area needed to weed



Garden Strings

Rope running down the right hand side of each row

Allows for easy navigation when locating rows and mowing/weeding



Orchard

Trees evenly spaced and ropes used to navigate when mowing/weeding

Three rows of trees, 12 ft apart



Using Cane to find trees

Orchard starts at picket fence

Trees are approximately 8-10 feet from fence

Once fence is located, reed pole is used to locate tree(s)



Mowing along tree lines

String provides navigation aid while marking where trees are located



Mowing along fence line

Fence is used as a guide for navigating

Left hand touches fence

Pull mower backwards with right hand



Cattle

Reed Cane is used to locate the trough

Raise 8-12 feeder calves each year



Frazier

Retired guide dog

Guides me down $\frac{1}{4}$ mile driveway to mailbox and to take out trash



Young trees sectioned and separated by rope

View of young trees lining property

Strings line the tree rows for easy navigation



Tractor

Wife (Lee) operates tractor and other heavy machinery.



Tape Measure

Description of tape measure and how it is read

Marked at every 16" and 2 ft using raised dots



Measuring

Braille Yard Stick and folding ruler

Thank You!
