

## Farm Rescue group helps Hull, IA man plant while leg heals

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NEAR HULL, Iowa (KTIV) -

Planting season has finally come for many farmers, but there are still some that can't get into their fields.

Daryl DeGroot has a staph infection in his right leg. He got it after getting his knee replaced several months ago. This condition is keeping him from planting his crops.

So, DeGroot's wife applied for a group called Farm Rescue to help out. It's something volunteers say they're more than happy to do.

"It brings a lot of joy to them. And I know it takes some stress and some pressure off them, knowing they can worry about their medical condition, instead of having to worry about the weather's nice, I have to get this planted or I have to get this harvested, before the weather changes," said Levi Wielenga, a volunteer for Farm Rescue.

While the volunteers are helping DeGroot with planting his corn, he's optimistic that neighbors and relatives will be able to help him with his soybeans later on, but for now, they're glad to have this group helping them now.

"This is just awesome. It truly, truly is. Farm Rescue is just a wonderful organization," said Marla DeGroot, Daryl's wife.

Farm Rescue uses their own supplies, but farmers provide them with the seed and fuel to make their job easier. The program operates mostly during the spring and fall seasons, but volunteers do things year round.

Since the Farm Rescue program started in 2006, they've been able to assist more than 200 farmers in the area.