## Empire Farm Days: August 8-10, 2017 Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls, NY

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2017 NYS FFA Welding Contest Pre-Registration Now Open

Seneca Falls, NY. Pre-registration for the 2017 New York State FFA Welding competition is now open for the competition on Thursday, August 10 at the 2017 Empire Farm Days at Rodman Lott & Son Farms, 2973 Route 414 in Seneca Falls, NY.

Morrisville State College, Haun Welding, and Briggs and Stratton Power Products of Munnsville sponsor the competition for students in grades 9-12 who participate in teams of two and individually for certificates.

Active FFA students are scored for \$2,250 in scholarship funds: \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$750 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and \$500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place from Morrisville State College. High Team performance is also recognized.

Each student must perform three welds with two different types of welding equipment provided by Haun Welding. Contestants also compete in oxy-acetylene torch cutting, a metal identification quiz, and multiple-choice quiz, and are judged on professional appearance, attitude, preparedness and safety.

Pre-registration for the contest is open through July 28 by contacting contest coordinators Johanna Bossard, 315-824-6386, <u>jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org</u>, or Professor Fred Bach, Morrisville State College, 315-684-6299, <u>bachfw@morrisville.edu</u>. A list of equipment to bring will be provided.

The 300-acre-plus Empire Farm Days is the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the northeastern U.S., showcasing the latest farming techniques, tractors, trucks, and implements; crop and equipment demonstrations, Dairy Profit and other educational seminars, test drives, live cattle and horse demonstrations, farm safety and family life displays, and information booths by hundreds of agriculture-related vendors, organizations, colleges and associations. For details, see <a href="empirefarmdays.com">empirefarmdays.com</a> or call 877-697-7837.

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## MORE INFO:

2016 Empire Farm Days New York State FFA Welding Contest individual winners, receiving Morrisville State College scholarships, were:

- . Noah Persson, Randolph Central School
- . Justin Rodda, Otselic Valley Central School
- . Derek Pingrey, Pioneer Central School.

High Team: Noah Persson and Tyler Liskow, Randolph Central School.

2016 sponsors: Morrisville State College, Haun Welding, Briggs and Stratton Power Products of Munnsville, Ferris Industries