



Empire Farm Days: August 7-9, 2018
Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls, NY
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Farmers and agribusiness leaders from across New York State gather at the annual Empire Farm Days Ag Leader Luncheon. Photo: Empire Farm Days

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Ag Leaders to be Applauded at 2018 Empire Farm Days Luncheon

Seneca Falls, NY. Advocates for the agricultural industry in New York State will be recognized at the Ag Leadership Luncheon sponsored by Farm Credit East on Wednesday, August 8 at the 2018 Empire Farm Days at Rodman Lott & Son Farms in Seneca Falls, NY.

The luncheon agenda includes a welcome by retiring Empire State Potato Growers Executive Director Melanie Wickham, recently named Potato Woman for All Seasons by The Packer and Farm Journal and Spudwoman of the Year for 2018 by Spudman Magazine.

Wickham will also introduce Alexandra Grimm as the incoming Empire State Potato Growers Executive Director and Empire Farm Days Show Manager, Jamie Meyer as the new Assistant Executive Director and Empire Farm Days Exhibitor Coordinator, and Chase Brown as the incoming Empire Farm Days Site Coordinator.

As part of the celebration of New York State agriculture, the Empire State Potato Growers will recognize their 2018 scholarship winner, Megan Ruth Lamb of Hamilton, NY, at the luncheon. Ms. Lamb was one of four finalists for the 2017 National FFA Proficiency Award for Agriscience Research in Plant Systems. She is the daughter of Neil and Beth Lamb, who operate Country Lamb Farm. Ms. Lamb will start her college education in the fall.

Farm Credit East, American Agriculturist magazine, and Empire Farm Days will present the 2018 New York State Agricultural Environmental Management Award.

The New York State Agribusiness Association will briefly announce its new 4R Nutrient Stewardship Management Initiative, a collaboration with The Fertilizer Institute and The Nature Conservancy. Commercial fertilizer dealers and agricultural applicators will be invited to voluntarily participate in a 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification program.

Empire Farm Days is the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the Northeastern U.S. The August 7-9, 2018 event will cover 300-plus acres with exhibits, field demonstrations, equipment, live animals, educational seminars, test driving, and rural life and safety booths. Parking is \$10 per vehicle. Learn more at www.empirefarmdays.com.

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