



Empire Farm Days: August 7-9, 2018
Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls, NY
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L to r: King's AgriSeeds Ray's Crazy Mix in field and samples; Seedway's Eastern Pollinator Mix and Monarch Butterfly Mix. Photos courtesy of King's AgriSeeds and Seedway as noted.

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Organic Matter, Soil Compaction and Pollinator Mixes Added to Cover Crop Demo at 2018 Empire Farm Days

Seneca Falls, NY. Dairy, crop and vegetable farmers looking to enhance their use of cover crop mixes will see side-by-side trials of new options at the August 7-9, 2018 Empire Farm Days at Rodman Lott and Son Farms in Seneca Falls, NY. The farm, King's AgriSeeds, Seedway, and Empire Farm Days are sponsoring the trials. Show visitors can see the trials at anytime; seed representatives also lead a daily 10:30 am tour of the plots.

The King's AgriSeeds planting includes single cover crop species and mixes, including the versatile warm-season Ray's Crazy Mix of stress-tolerant summer annuals that has become increasingly popular. The mix includes cowpea, soybeans, sorgham-sudan, pearl millet, radish, forage brassica and sunflower for use as a short-term, soil-building transition crop for both use with no-till and conventional till systems.

"Our field demonstration at the 2018 Empire Farm Days will also be showcasing new seed mixes that are good combinations for dealing with soil compaction and for adding organic matter," says King's AgriSeeds representative Rod Porter.

With all the recent attention to applying farm practices that protect native and commercial bee colonies, Seedway is highlighting three pollinator-friendly seed mixes in its cover crops planting at the 2018 Empire Farm Days. The mixes feature annual and perennial species to attract pollinators and butterflies as well as legumes to build soil nutrients. Mono cover crops and four blends for use after small grain or vegetable crops are also in the Seedway plots.

“Empire Farm Days visitors to our field demo will also see cover crop options that act as natural bio fumigants to decrease unwanted nematode populations,” says Seedway representative Adam Robertson.

Empire Farm Days is the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the Northeastern U.S. The event includes agricultural and rural living equipment, working equipment and crops demonstrations, test driving, products, live horse and cattle demonstrations, safety information, and much more with more than 600 exhibitors and vendors. For details on the 2018 Empire Farm Days event, visit the website at www.empirefarmdays.com. Also see Facebook and Instagram.

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