



**Empire Farm Days: August 6-8, 2019**  
**Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls, NY**  
**877-697-7837, [www.empirefarmdays.com](http://www.empirefarmdays.com)**



**PRESS RELEASE: May 2019**

PHOTO: <http://empirefarmdays.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/6822EFDWelder3005BPW.jpg>

**FFA Students: Pre-Register by July 23 for 2019 NYS FFA Welding Contest**

Seneca Falls, NY. Students in grades 9-12 have until July 23 to pre-register for the 2019 New York State FFA Welding Competition that will be held at the 2019 Empire Farm Days. The students will demonstrate their welding knowledge and skills for Morrisville State College scholarship awards on Thursday, August 8 at the 2019 Empire Farm Days at Rodman Lott and Son Farms in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Morrisville State College, Haun Welding, and Briggs and Stratton Power Products of Munnsville sponsor the contest that awards \$2,250 in Morrisville State College scholarship funds: \$1,000 for First Place, \$750 for Second Place, and \$500 for Third Place. High Team performance is recognized with a certificate.

To pre-register, students may contact contest coordinators Johanna Bossard, 315-824-6386, [jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org](mailto:jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org); Jared Ford, Morrisville State College, 315-684-6877, [fordjt@morrisville.edu](mailto:fordjt@morrisville.edu); or Charles Ax, Morrisville State College, 315-684-6648, [axcj@morrisville.edu](mailto:axcj@morrisville.edu). A list of equipment to bring will be provided.

The judging of individual and team pair performance includes completing 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.

The 2018 New York State FFA Welding Competition winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual: Justin Rodda, Otselic Valley Central School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Individual: Patrick Fontaine, Pioneer Central School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Individual: Evan Liskow, Randolph Central School
- High Team: Tallon Delahoy and Evan Liskow, Randolph Central School.

The New York State FFA Welding Competition is among the full range of activities, demonstrations, exhibits, and equipment at Empire Farm Days, the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the northeastern U.S. Learn more at [www.empirefarmdays.com](http://www.empirefarmdays.com) or call 877-697-7837.

**PHOTO:** Student welders vie for Morrisville State College scholarships in the New York State FFA Welding Competition at Empire Farm Days. Photo: Empire FarmDays/Brian P. Whattam

**MEDIA CONTACTS:**

. Contest coordinators: Johanna Bossard, Hamilton Central School, 315-824-6386,

- [jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org](mailto:jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org); Morrisville State College, Jared Ford, 315-684-6877, [fordjt@morrisville.edu](mailto:fordjt@morrisville.edu); Charles Ax, 315-684- 6648, [axcj@morrisville.edu](mailto:axcj@morrisville.edu)
- . Empire Farm Days Show Manager Jamie Meyer: 877-697-7837, [jamie@empirefarmdays.com](mailto:jamie@empirefarmdays.com)
  - . EFD Publicist Kara Lynn Dunn, 315-465-7578, [karalynn@gisco.net](mailto:karalynn@gisco.net)