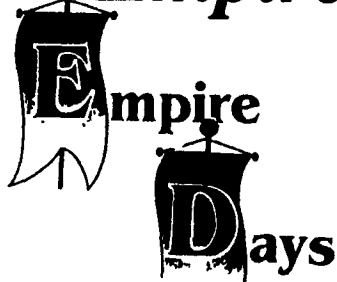


Empire Farm Days' Program Expands, Hosts Youth



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- A chance to test your knowledge of agriculture on the Oneida County "Wheel of Agriculture."
- A Dodge truck will be used to exhibit the many agricultural products that are part of the "makeup."

• An enhanced exhibit features the diversity of New York State's agriculture, with a quilt made and designed by New York Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee, and an interactive vegetable exhibit with "Pride of New York" information for consumers and pro-

ducers. You'll learn and then can identify and enjoy those veggies that had you guessing,

plus test your brain for the answers to those special veggy history and trivia questions.

New Dairy Agent In Adams County

Vinton Smith was recently appointed as a Regional Dairy Extension Agent with Penn State Cooperative Extension. He will be serving Adams, Cumberland, and York counties.

Mr. Smith brings a variety of experiences to the position based in Adams County. He comes to Penn State from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County, NY, where he worked as a Dairy and Livestock Extension Agent.

Prior to working in New York, he spent nearly four years managing his family's dairy farm in Mercer County, Pa.

Mr. Smith plans to help dairymen address many of the challenges that are confronting them. In particular, he plans to focus his efforts in several key management areas, which include labor human resource management, and overall dairy farm business analysis. He also plans to focus on milker herdsmen training, cow comfort, ventilation, and cooling issues, and computer, technology, and internet training.

In addition, Mr. Smith will be actively addressing issues related to hiring Hispanic workers. He will focus on both Hispanic worker training and training for dairies employing Hispanic workers.

Mr. Smith is joining Penn



Vinton Smith is a recent addition to the Penn State Cooperative Extension serving Adams, Cumberland, and York Counties. After working as a dairy and livestock extension agent in New York, Smith has returned to Pennsylvania where he will be based in Adams County.

State Cooperative Extension just as the Capitol Region Dairy Team, (including Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Dauphin counties) is gearing up to work together to address the needs of dairy producers in this region.

The "Dairy Team" concept will give agents the opportunity to specialize in particular areas of dairy production and man-

agement.

This will enable Cooperative Extension to be better prepared to address the needs of dairy producers while providing high quality educational opportunities for them.

Mr. Smith can be contacted in his Adams County office at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Phone (717) 334-6271 or vsmith@psu.edu.

Map & Directions To Empire Farm Days

FINGER LAKES REGION OF NEW YORK

Empire Farm Days, located in the scenic Finger Lakes Region of NYS is easily accessible by air or ground. The detailed map here shows accessibility from both the Rochester & Syracuse airports and the smaller, but closer, Finger Lakes Regional Airport. To get to the site, if westbound-take NYS Thruway Exit 41 (Waterloo) and follow Route 414S. If you are eastbound-take NYS Thruway Exit 42 (Geneva) and follow Route 318E to 414S. The Empire Farm Days site is approximately 1 mile south of the village of Seneca Falls on Route 414.

FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT
315-568-0110

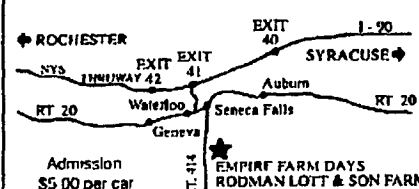
Adjacent to the Empire Farm Days site, the Finger Lakes Regional Airport is a real asset. Farmers and agribusiness companies alike have come to rely upon the convenience of this airport.

During the show there will be a FREE shuttle service to and from the show site. Anyone arriving prior to the show should arrange to have a Rental Car waiting.

FUTURE EMPIRE FARM DAYS SHOW DATES

Mark your calendar now for these future Empire Farm Days

- 2001 Aug 7, 8, & 9
- 2002 Aug 6, 7, & 8
- 2003 Aug 5, 6, & 7
- 2004 Aug 11, 12, & 13
- 2005 Aug 9, 10, & 11



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• A forestry exhibit, provided by USDA, with additional brochure information relating to use ideas that may have been overlooked.

• For children young and old, the "grain" box with a variety of farm implements, and coloring books and other educational materials. The bureau's presentation corner holds many adventures into agriculture through the creativity and skill of New York State FFA members.

• Popcorn and juice. Featured are refreshments that are part of the state's diverse list of agricultural products.

There will be other areas, such as "Adopt a Classroom," the New York Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education, and ag career choices.

The Health and Safety Center at Empire Farm Days is one of the longest running programs of its kind at a farm show. It is one of the most important and popular exhibits at the show.

Cornell's Agricultural Health and Safety Program conducts research in farm safety and healthy issues and provides educational outreach to rural communities.

This year the center will contain exhibits, demonstrations, and health and safety tips from the following groups: Cornell Agricultural Health and Safety Program, New York Center For Agricultural Medicine and Health, FARMEDIC, 4-H Tractor Certification Program, Community Partners For Healthy Farmers, New York State Department of Health, Operation Lifesaver/NYS DOT, Sertoma/Hearing Screening Van, Finger Lakes Poison Control Center, Cornell Breast Cancer Program, PTO Retrofit Center, and New York State Agricultural Health Clinics.

Hearing testing will be done in the Sertoma van and don't miss FARMEDIC's demonstrations just outside the tent area.

Other happenings:
The 2000 Get Moo-ving with Milk Tour is partnering with Empire Farm Days to educate consumers about the many benefits of calcium and drinking milk. Some highlights include: