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Empire Farm Days: CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

As far back as 1931 there has been an agricultural show sponsored by the Empire State Potato Growers, Inc. which is hosted by New York State farmers and is committed to bringing farmers in the Northeast the newest techniques and equipment available to agriculture.

Since then, this annual event has undergone many changes including name, location and size, but its sponsor and purpose have remained constant. It brings the farmer and agribusiness communities together, all in one place, all at one time, at a high quality agricultural trade show. Today Empire Farm Days has grown to be the largest, outdoor, three day trade show in the Northeast, with more than 600 exhibitors. This year's show is scheduled for August 5, 6, & 7, 2007.

The event originated as Potato Field Days in 1931. In 1964 the show was called the Potato Field Day and Farm Materials Exhibition and was hosted by Humphreys Farm, Hartford; 1965 co-hosts McCormick Farms and William Gozelski, Gainsville; 1966 co-hosts Russell Mathews and Monroe County Department of Parks, Mendon.

In 1967 the show had grown to such a magnitude that another name change was required to reflect the scope of the event. Empire Farm Days was born. Since then following farms have hosted the annual event: 1967 Lucian Hills; 1968 co-hosts Smith, Coulter, Lincoln Knolls and Harold Rice, Canastota; 1969 Selden Farm, Greigsville; 1970 King Brothers, Layfayette; 1971 John P. Halpin & Sons, Avon; 1972-73 NYS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, Dryden; 1974-75 Neenan Brothers, Holcomb; 1976-77 John P. Halpin & Sons, Seneca Castle; 1978-80 N. Palladino & Son, Pompey; 1981-82 NYS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, Dryden; 1983-85 Brock Acres, Holcomb; 1986-87 N. Palladino & Sons, Pompey and 1988-Present Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls.

2008 marks the 75th anniversary of the Empire Farm Days.

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