



# Press Release

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## **Rodman Lott & Son Farms Hosts the 2008 EFD**

On August 5, 6, & 7, the Rodman Lott & Son Farms will host more than 70,000 farmers at their family farm; no small feat for a family that farms more than 4,300 acres.

In 2008 more than 600 exhibitors will participate in Empire farm Days representing more than 3,000 companies. Empire Farm Days provides farmers with a chance to see the latest advances in Northeast agriculture in a relaxing atmosphere.

One of the biggest assets Seneca County and the Northeast agricultural community has is the Lott family and its business. Ralph Lott, his wife Shirley, and their children Nicole, Rodman, & Benjamin are the owners and operators of the Rodman Lott & Son Farms. Continuing with the tradition started by his parents, Ralph & Shirley became the operators upon Rodman's "retirement" a few years ago. Young Rodman and his wife Tara have returned to the farm after college. Rodman & his wife Ellen can still be found participating in the farm operation.

The family history of farming began when Rodman and Ellen Lott set up a crop operation in Pennsylvania from 1954-1968. In 1960 they also operated a 400-acre soybean operation in Delaware. In 1968 they moved to the panhandle of Florida and raised peanuts, beef cattle and pigs. Twelve years later the Lotts found themselves settled in Seneca Falls.

The Lotts have been a vital part of the success of Empire Farm Days for the last 21 years, first hosting the event in 1988. Since then, the Rodman Lott & Son Farms and the local community have brought their support, expertise and commitment to Empire Farm Days annually.

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