



2006 restoration Allis Chalmers WC completed by the Penn Yan FFA Chapter.



2005 restoration Ford 8N completed by Pioneer FFA Chapter.



2003 restoration Ford 8N completed by Pioneer FFA Chapter. This tractor had been in service at Oswegatchie since 1950.



NYS FFA LTF Inc. Tractor Restoration Project



Five years ago the New York FFA Foundation began a tradition of restoring old, antique, or classic tractors for the purpose of raising financial support for agricultural education and the FFA. What started out as a way to raise some money for a good cause, has turned into much more. The tractor restoration project has given agricultural mechanics students enrolled in agricultural education an opportunity to put their skills to the test and prepare them for career success. Since starting this program the FFA Foundation has successfully raised over \$30,000 to benefit a shower house project at Oswegatchie FFA Camp. We want to take this opportunity to share the history of the project and recognize the chapters and donors who have made this project a success to date.

Last year the Penn Yan FFA chapter beautifully restored an Allis Chalmers WC, graciously donated by Victoria Gregory. The students and their chapter advisor John Kriese, along with local alumni support worked diligently to restore this tractor to precision standards. This tractor has been on display and tickets are currently available for sales. We will raffle this off during the Empire Farm Days this upcoming summer.

The next restoration project will be a 1917 Fordson provided to the FFA Foundation by Daryle Foster and Don Farrand. This tractor will be restored by the students of the St. Lawrence Co. BOCES center, chapter advisor Chip Ax. This project will be restored during the next school year and will be kicked off for raffle the Summer of 2008. Thank you to Daryle and Don for their generous donation.

The previous two tractor restores were both Ford 8Ns. The Pioneer FFA Chapter and agricultural mechanics students took on both of these projects. The first tractor was owned and used by the Oswegatchie FFA Camp. The second was donated to the Foundation by Raymond Lighthall, former agricultural educator from Stockbridge Valley.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this project, there are many ways to get involved. You can donate your old tractor to the FFA Foundation and we will find a home for the restoration. You can give money toward the restoration cost. Your FFA chapter can consider taking on a restoration to benefit the FFA Foundation, or you can volunteer to truck the tractor to the venues around the state and sell tickets. All proceeds will continue to be used for the benefit at agricultural education students. Please help us by getting involved today.