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Ward Lumber to host Chicken Harvest Seminar

Jay, NY. – Ward Lumber is hosting a Chicken Harvest Seminar at Ward Lumber in Jay on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm for anyone who is learning to harvest their own chickens.

This all day workshop will be conducted in both classroom and in a hands-on environment. Attendees will learn about the proper techniques for processing poultry, health, sanitation and safety issues, HACCP, handling, packaging, storing as well as equipment necessary for processing poultry. Other topics include: packaging techniques, legal issues and sale. The knowledge learned at this workshop will equip the poultry producer with the skills to process poultry on their own farm.

The presenter is Jim McLaughlin, owner of Cornerstone Farm Ventures, Inc. and provides sales and consulting assistance to the meat and poultry processing industry. Prior to opening Cornerstone Farm Ventures, Inc. he worked in the agriculture field in both animal feed manufacturing and for the USDA Resource Conservation and Development Project as a livestock production specialist. It was in this capacity that he worked extensively to keep meat processing plants open to insure livestock producers were able to have their animals locally processed and packaged. Jim was recently appointed to Cornell University Avian Health Advisory Committee.

Through this work Jim built one of the first Mobile Poultry Processing Units in the country. The early units provided a way for farmers to process poultry on their farms under USDA exemption. He has designed, built and consulted on MPPU's in many different states. At the continual request of farmers Jim decided to start his own business providing poultry processing equipment to individuals and both state and federal slaughter houses.

Cornerstone Farm Ventures, Inc. has continued to grow and now ships poultry processing equipment worldwide. Cornerstone Farm Ventures, Inc. has aligned itself with a number of companies and is able to provide equipment sales, service and consulting to both small and large slaughter facilities.

The cost of the seminar is \$25 for Ward Lumber Poulin Grain feed customers, generously sponsored by Poulin Grain or \$50 for non-Ward Lumber Poulin feed customers. Each attendee will take home a freshly processed whole chicken and lunch is included. Pre registration is required, and class size is limited.

For more information about this free seminar and to register, go to www.WardLumber.com.

Ward Lumber is a two-unit building materials supplier with locations in Jay and Malone, NY. One of the largest private employers in Essex County, Ward Lumber manages over 6,000 acres of timberland and operates one of New York State's largest white pine sawmills and planing mills.

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