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## Ward Lumber to host Chicken Harvest Seminar

Jay, NY. – Ward Lumber is hosting three Chicken Harvest Seminars for anyone who is interested in learning to harvest their own chickens.

There are three dates at two locations from which to choose. The first date offered is on Thursday, September 6 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at John Tuper's Farm in Bombay, NY. The hosts are Tom & Tammy Tuper. The other two seminars will be held at Ward Lumber in Jay, NY on Friday, September 7 OR Saturday, September 8 from 8:00am until noon.

This hands-on seminar is for seasoned farmers as well as new or aspiring farmers. The educational event will offer the participant the opportunity to learn and participate in the on-farm harvest of meat chickens. The goal of the seminar is for attendees to add to their skills and/or acquire new skills to harvest their own birds on the farm.

Seminar attendees will learn the proper, up-to-date techniques for processing poultry including: how to prepare BEFORE harvest day; handling to minimize stress and eliminate bruising & breaking; humane bleeding using cones; scalding using a Featherman thermostatically controlled, propane scalding; plucking using a Featherman Pro Plucker; eviscerating using proper techniques; packaging using shrink bags for a great presentation and to reduce freezer burn. Attendees will be using the poultry processing equipment available at Ward Lumber.

The presenter will be Jay Ward. Jay has raised various types of livestock on and off since age 8 and is currently raising chickens (meat and replacement pullets), pigs and alpacas. Jay has trained with skilled poultry slaughterers and many chicken farmers sharing the best practices and techniques for

chicken harvesting. He assembled and field tested a suite of portable poultry processing equipment to enable farmers to more easily harvest their own chicken on their farms.

The cost is \$10 per person and advance registration required. The class size limited to be sure each attendee has ample opportunity to learn and participate. For additional information on this seminar and to register, go to [www.WardLumber.com](http://www.WardLumber.com), email [info@WardLumber.com](mailto:info@WardLumber.com) or call Kim Brown at (518)946-2110 x120.

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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