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## Ward Lumber to host Hog Harvest Seminar

Jay, NY. – Ward Lumber is hosting a Hog Harvest Seminar for anyone who is interested in learning to harvest their own swine.

The seminar is being held on Saturday, October 5 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at Ward Lumber in Jay. This seminar will demonstrate to the small farm a home-style hog slaughter and dressing. Topics include: preparation, equipment and set up, shot and stick, hang and bleed, skin and gut, splitting the halves, halving the pig and readying the carcass to cool, primal cuts and finish products, wrap for freezer, recipes, using the whole pig, trouble shooting.

The presenter is Courtney Grimes-Sutton, who is a young farmer and a butcher who can help you approach the feat of getting a hog into your freezer. Courtney got into farming by growing and marketing vegetables with friends in the Hudson Valley for a few years in her early twenties. She apprenticed with a blacksmith, went to industrial welding school, and moved north to Essex Farm to test the waters of farming with draft horses. She was the butcher at Essex Farm for three and a half years, and has moved on to her own family farm in Keeseville with her partner, Asa Thomas-Train, and friends & family.

The cost is \$45 per person, and just \$25 for students. Lunch is included. Class size is limited to be sure each attendee has ample opportunity to observe, ask questions and learn. Registration is limited to residents of Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties. Priority will be given to Ward Lumber feed customers and prospective feed customers. One person per farm is preferred and added attendees from the same farm will be given consideration if space allows. Pre-registration is required. 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 Coolidge at (518)946-2110 x120.

Ward Lumber is a two-unit lumber and building materials supplier along with hardware, paint and feed 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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