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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 Malone, NY on Thursday, July 25 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

This hands-on seminar is for the seasoned farmer or new or aspiring farmers who are interested in learning to harvest their own chickens. The educational event will offer the attendee the opportunity to learn and participate in the 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: 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 Featherman Pro Plucker; evisceration using proper techniques; packaging using shrink bags to reduce freezer burn.

Presenter: Jay Ward has raised various types of livestock on and off since age 8 and is currently raising chickens (meat and replacement pullets), swine 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. Attendees will be using the poultry processing equipment available at Ward Lumber in Jay.

Class size is very limited to assure that each attendee has ample opportunity to learn and participate. The cost is \$25/person. Attendees get a fresh chicken. Pre-registration is required, and class size is limited. To register and for more information, go to www.WardLumber.com.

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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