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## Ward Lumber in Jay to Host Free Meat Bird Seminars

Jay, NY. – Ward Lumber is hosting a two-part seminar, Meat Bird 101 & 102, for anyone who is interested in raising meat birds.

Meat Bird 101 is a free seminar and will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Topics will include an overview of meat birds, breed selection, brooding, housing, feed and water, prep for harvest and equipment needed to raise meat birds. Attending Meat Bird 101 is suggested for those planning on attending Meat Bird 102.

Meat Bird 102 will be held on Saturday, June 20. Topics will include learning how to prepare before harvest day, handling to minimize stress, humane bleeding, scalding, plucking, and packaging. The cost is \$50, and attendees will take home the chicken that they process at the seminar. The prerequisite is being a Ward Lumber feed customer in Clinton, Essex, or Franklin county.

Jay Ward, President of Ward Lumber, has raised various types of livestock on and off since age 8. He is currently raising chickens (meat and replacement pullets), swine and alpacas. Jay has trained with skilled poultry processors 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.

Both seminars will be held at Ward Lumber in Jay, NY. To register, go to [WardLumber.com](http://WardLumber.com) or call Kim at 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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