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## **Ward Lumber to sponsor Chicken Harvest Workshop**

Jay, NY. – Ward Lumber is hosting a Chicken Harvest Workshop on Saturday, June 4 from 8:00am until approximately 2:00pm. This workshop is for anyone who has raised their own poultry or is interested in doing so and learning to harvest their own chickens for meat.

Attendees will get hands on training to make their harvest successful, humane and as easy as possible.

Topics to be covered are:

How to prepare BEFORE harvest day, handling to minimize stress and eliminate bruising & breaking, humane bleeding using cones, plucking using Featherman Pro Plucker Evisceration using proper techniques, packaging using shrink bags to reduce freezer burn, and scalding using a Featherman thermostatically controlled, propane scalding.

Presenter Jay Ward has ample background in raising multiple types of livestock such as chickens, pigs and alpacas. His many years of experience as well as his passion for the topic make him an excellent resource for those that are new to the process or those that want to brush up on current techniques for a more successful harvest.

The cost of the workshop is \$50 per person, \$25 of which will be credited toward rental of poultry processing equipment for customers that qualify for its use by purchasing all of their feed from Ward Lumber. To register, go to [WardLumber.com](http://WardLumber.com) or call 946-2110, X120. Space is limited so sign up before all of the spots are filled.

Ward Lumber is a two-unit building materials supplier with locations in Jay and Malone, NY and is 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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