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CCE to Tour Pineland Farms Natural Meats Facility in Hopkinton Wed. July 11

On Wednesday, July 11, the Cornell Cooperative Extension associations of Northern New York are carpooling from Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence County for an evening tour at Pineland Farms Natural Meats farm in Hopkinton, NY. The free tour begins at the farm at 7pm. For departure times and carpooling opportunities, contact the following Extension offices:

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Beef producers from across Northern New York are set to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the company that is buying local cattle to finish for both fresh and packaged beef products.

Farmers currently selling to Pineland Farms will be on the tour to discuss their experiences.

Pineland Farms has converted the former Agway heifer-raising facility in Hopkinton for its beef-finishing operation. Animals purchased by Pineland Farms Natural Meats must meet the requirements of the New Gloucester, Maine-based company that produces beef raised without antibiotics, growth hormones or animal by-products.

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