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DRYING HARDWOOD LUMBER UPDATE - A ONE DAY WORKSHOP FOR IMPROVING LUMBER QUALITY

Wood Education & Resource Center
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In these challenging markets many lumber manufacturers and secondary wood producers are changing their species mix in order to remain cost effective. Many of these species are prone to stain and warp. Some such as oak are prone to checking. North Carolina State University's Wood Products Extension in conjunction with the US Forest Service's Wood Education & Resource Center will hold a one day workshop to update dry kiln operators so they can produce a higher quality product.



lumber that is flat and stress free.

The one day workshop will be divided into two sessions. The morning session will focus on oak drying including problems such as drying green and partially pre-dried lumber as well as drying thicker stock. The afternoon session will emphasize drying white woods including avoiding stain, stacking procedures that produce flat lumber, low temperature drying schedules that produce quality results and equalizing and conditioning that produce

The workshop is sponsored by and will be taught at the Wood Education & Resource Center in Princeton, West Virginia on September 22, 2010. The course is co-sponsored by the Southeastern Dry Kiln Club.

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