Potential sources of wooden hop poles

I recently asked loggers and foresters if they knew of sources of poles that could be used in hopyards. The following list is what has come in thus far. We specifically asked for cedar, black locust and larch.

Suppliers tell me to remind you that logging for cedar and larch takes place in mid-winter on frozen ground, so make your contacts ASAP if you want poles for this spring. You should also consider whether or not these are peeled as this will make it much easier to use any wood preservative treatments which can extend the life of the poles. Black locust will last the longest, then cedar, then larch. Dipping treatments can add many years on to the useful life of the poles.

I thought this might be helpful to those of you who are looking for poles.

Another source would be to contact local DEC foresters as they may know of others. Make your own deals. This list is in no way exclusive nor an assurance of quality.

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White cedar poles cut in winter, available in late March, all sizes and lengths

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Most trees are 10-14” DBH.

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locust poles from local growers

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