

Here's what's new in *Barnyards & Backyards*

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Thank you for picking up this issue of *Barnyards & Backyards*! The team continues to receive positive feedback on the magazine, the Web site, and all the great workshops held around the state this spring and summer. We are continually looking for ways to keep the project fresh.

In this issue, we introduce the newest facet to the rural living program: the property improvement and management program – or the “Extreme Property Makeover!”

Over the next several issues, we will follow two properties, the landowners, and local management experts as they attempt to improve land resources in a collaborative effort. The process will include identifying issues, planning, and implementing new management practices to improve or eliminate problems.

These case studies will offer a real synthesis of the topics covered in the magazine as we follow the team's ups and downs in tackling real-life land management issues on the ground. You can visit our Web site to view the latest news. If a member of Facebook, type *Barnyards&Backyards* in the search function to find the property improvement page. Open, and become a fan. If not a member of Facebook, type “Facebook barnyards and backyards” into any search engine to view the page. Also, note that we're still looking for more property owners to participate, particularly if they have a rural home or farm in a forested area.

If you do visit our Web site, you will see it has been updated and upgraded and is now easier to use. Take a look at www.barnyardsand-backyards.com.

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Please contact me at (307) 721-0072 or tony.hoch@wy.nacdnet.net with questions or suggestions regarding *Barnyards & Backyards* or possible stories for the publication. Enjoy!



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