

# If summer falls on a Saturday...

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... we play baseball – goes the old saying in Wyoming. I’m writing this introduction in a hiatus between April snowstorms, which can be frustrating for those of us anxious to garden, but I really wouldn’t have it any other way.



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Good spring moisture sets the tone for summer – a good, wet, late April snowstorm (also known as the “million dollar snowstorm”) can bolster mountain snowpack and determine whether the range is green in July and whether some people can get that prized second cutting of hay.

With the moisture comes the opportunity for success in maintaining and improving our natural resources during the always too-short growing season. We on the *Barnyards & Backyards* team hope this issue contains useful and timely articles to help you have a productive and safe summer.

Unfortunately, we only have so many pages per issue, particularly in the summer when so many pertinent questions arise. With that in mind, we also invite you to check out the Resources page on our Web site, [www.barnyardsandbackyards.com](http://www.barnyardsandbackyards.com), for hundreds of articles, video clips, and audio clips produced for Wyoming people by Wyoming experts.

As always, we are here to serve our target audience – Wyoming small-acreage landowners and managers. Please contact me at (307) 721-0072 or [tony.hoch@wy.nacdnet.net](mailto:tony.hoch@wy.nacdnet.net) with questions or suggestions regarding *Barnyards & Backyards* or possible stories for the publication. Enjoy!