

# Best of *Barnyards & Backyards* – YOUR VOTE NEEDED



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**Hi!** As you may have read in the Fall issue, I have taken on the role of *Barnyards & Backyards* magazine coordinator.

I follow in the footsteps of some great coordinators of the magazine through the past five years including Tanya Daniels, Tom Heald, and Tony Hoch. The magazine, like all the work we do, is truly a team effort. As coordinator of the Small Acreage Outreach Project for more than five years, it is my pleasure and privilege to work with a fantastic group of creative and knowledgeable individuals from organizations across the state including the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service, Wyoming Conservation Districts, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Audubon Wyoming, Weed & Pest Districts, NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Wyoming Livestock Board, and others.

Our aim is to offer useful information through a number of means including the magazine, workshops, and our website, to name a few.

It has also been my privilege to work for folks such as yourself across the state interested in learning new things or brushing up on some of the old. I'm sure I have come in contact with many of you through workshops across the state, our e-mail listserv, or through the various surveys you have kindly filled out and returned to me through the years. We have always tried to provide practical, user-friendly, and interesting information, and we use the feedback you provide to improve what we do.

In celebration of our five years in print, we are planning to print a "Best of *Barnyards & Backyards*" issue. We want your vote on the articles that have been the most interesting and helpful. You can give us your nominations by e-mail or mail. Send your e-mails to [jsjones@uwyo.edu](mailto:jsjones@uwyo.edu) with "Best of Barnyards" in the subject line, or, send us a letter at:

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Winter can be a time of hard work as we deal with the impacts of the weather. It can also be a time for planning and reflection. I hope you will find in the variety of articles in this issue some food for thought and some inspiration for the year to come!