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Irrigation, wildfire, weeds, vacations, pollinator plots – this issue bursts with topics

Summer is here! Finally, the season of warmer temperatures and increased daylight that so many of us long for during the drudges of winter. Vegetable gardens, livestock animals, pastures, and landscapes are undoubtedly at the forefront for many who own or manage rural properties.

The start of 2020 has brought challenges, obstacles, and unknowns for many Wyomingites. We strive with all issues of Barnyards & Backyards magazine to provide relevant, useful, quality information to improve and increase sustainability for rural properties and their managers. With that in mind, don't forget the treasure trove of information housed on the Barnyards and Backyards website from previous issues, www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard.

This issue has a great line up of articles. Stretching every drop of water is important in an arid climate such as Wyoming. To help improve water use efficiency "Watering methods, common sense help keep water where most needed" will definitely help make the most of water on your property.

Speaking of arid environments, "Understanding defensible space and wildfire preparedness: A homeowners guide" is an important article to ensure the safety of your property and the lives of firefighters in the presence of a wildfire. While it might take some effort, implementing proper defensible space is critical when your property is facing a wildfire event.

Finally, with summer here, some of us might be looking to get away for a bit. If worried about animals on your property while away, we have outlined some methods and strategies for livestock care, "Planning ahead for animal care can let you have time away." We hope everyone has a safe and successful summer. It is great time of year to enjoy Wyoming!

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