
Offering ways to improve your acreage



This special issue of *Barnyards & Backyards* offers information from speakers featured August 27-29, 2007, at **Living and Working on the Land: The Building Blocks of Success** in Riverton, Wyoming. The conference (BlocksofSuccess.org) was designed to bring rural Wyomingites together, particularly American Indians, women managers of agricultural operations, livestock and alternative crop producers, small and beginning operators, and small-acreage landowners. Those attending had the opportunity to learn about methods for improving management skills and a chance to interact with others interested in rural living.

Featured speakers included Joel Salatin, noted alternative farmer and author of *Holy Cows and Hog Heaven: A Food Buyer's Guide to Farm Friendly Food and Family Friendly Farming*, and the popular and humorous speaker Jolene Brown. They and 21 other speakers offered hands-on information. Sessions covered topics such as

- Managing grazing animals on a few acres
- Developing strategies to strengthen small-farm economies
- Water-wise landscaping
- Management issues in American Indian country
- Leaving a legacy: Estate planning
- Improving personal relationships

If you missed the conference, you'll find useful information provided by the presenters in this special publication. You also will find more great information from the conference by visiting BlocksofSuccess.org. To find information on future great events for small-acreage landowners, such as this one, visit us at www.barnyardsand-backyards.com and click on "Events."

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