Subject of Review: The 2010 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) shows that off-farm income accounted for 86 percent of total farm household income for the average family farm operation. Wage and salary income comprised 60 percent of off-farm income. As a result, changes in local and regional employment opportunities can have important implications for farm households and their off-farm labor participation decisions. Moreover, relative differences between the wages received from farming and off-farm work depend on the industry and occupation. The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a first look at sources of off-farm labor income of operators and spouses of family-owned farms, by type of off-farm industry and occupation.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

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Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

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