

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Occupational Composition in Off-Farm Industry by U.S. Farm Households
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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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
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/09/12 End: 10/12/12 Completed: 10/12/12

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

