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One of the consequences of regional associations nationalizing their journals is that professional agricultural economists in each region have lost one of their best forums for exchanging ideas unique to their area of the country. The purpose of this publication is to provide a forum for western issues.

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The target audience is professional agricultural economists with a Masters degree, Ph.D. or equivalent understanding of the field that are working on agricultural and resource economic, business or policy issues in the West.

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Lieske provides analysis as per the Cost of Community Services focusing on spatial distribution of rural residential development; Cai and Schroeter look at factors affecting consumer spinach choices; Williams et al. conduct a comparative analysis of returns to biomass versus forage production; and Ballenger offers insights as to the relevance and benefits of the Farm Bill to six Rocky Mountain states.

Regards,
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