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**Migration Arrangements of Couples, Satisfaction with Spousal
Contributions, and Perception of Happiness of Rural Chinese**

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The modes of migration arrangements among married couples in China have become increasingly diversified over the past two decades, a process accelerated by the increasing participation of married rural women in urban labor markets. These changing mobility patterns present new challenges for rural couples that traditionally reside together. While there exists a burgeoning body of literature on the effects of migration on spousal well-being, the bulk of it is based on the perspective of those being left-behind, usually the wife. Using data from the 2014 China Family Panel Studies (CFPS), the present study provides a systematic investigation of the perception of happiness of husbands and wives involved in these migration arrangements: being left-behind, migrating alone, and migrating with the spouse. We mainly address two research questions. First, how is the happiness of wives and husbands influenced by the relative migrant status of their spouses? Second, do these effects occur through their judgment of spouse's economic and housework contributions to the family? Our preliminary results indicate that being left-behind only has a strong negative effect on the happiness of husbands. We find no evidence that either migrating alone or migrating as a couple to affect the happiness of men or women. We found that the negative impact of wives' migration on left-behind husbands can be explained away when they are satisfied with wives' economic and housework contributions.