

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Impact of Recent Energy Price Reductions on U.S. Agriculture

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB,
TB, SOR,)
SOR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Over the last half of 2014, energy prices fell sharply and are expected to remain lower than previously projected through at least 2016. This research publication examines how these lower-than-expected energy prices are likely to affect the agriculture sector over the next few years, focusing on acreage decisions and farm income.

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: 03/30/15 End: 05/05/15 Completed: 05/05/15

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

