

# ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Organic Agriculture Information and Situation Report, 2024  
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB  
 Influential Scientific Information  
Agency: Economic Research Service  Highly Influential Scientific Assessment  
USDA  
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Subject of Review: Organic agriculture is an important agricultural sector, experiencing consistent growth for the past two decades. In 2022, the inflation-adjusted value of organic retail sales reached 61.7 billion dollars. Despite continued interest in organic agriculture, domestic acreage has fallen in recent years. This report analyzes current trends in organic domestic and global production, USDA initiatives to remove barriers to transition, imports and exports, price premiums relative to conventional commodities, and value of retail sales. The report also includes a discussion on regenerative agriculture, a term not regulated by USDA, which similarly to organic agriculture is concerned with improvements in soil health.  
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  Individual Reviewers  
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):  
Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 12/4/2023 Completed: 5/14/2024  
Number of Reviewers:  3 or fewer  4 to 10  More than 10  
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists  
Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization  
Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  No  
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:  
How:  
When:  
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  Yes  No  
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  Yes  No