

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Returns to Farming

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

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

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Subject of Review: Each year, of the roughly 2 million households owning farms in the United States, slightly more than half report negative income on their farming operations. This figure is higher for households operating smaller farms, where most or all of their household income is typically derived from off-farm activities. This study examines the financial situation of farm households, including how farm household income has changed over the past two decades, how farm household income compares with that of the overall population, the tax implications of farming, and the wealth implications of owning farmland.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 10/18/17 Completed: 4/10/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

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