

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Factors Impacting Grocery Store Deflation: A Closer Look at Prices in 2016 and 2017

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

EB

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

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Subject of Review: Understanding the underlying factors affecting retail food prices allows farmers, food manufacturers, businesses, and consumers to better understand the future. Recent retail food price deflation (2016 and 2017) has left many asking why. Specifically, what factors have been placing downward pressure on prices and how this may impact future food-at-home price inflation? This report builds on ERS's Food Price Outlook by providing an informative supplement to the summary of retail food prices published on our website. It provides an in-depth analysis of recent price trends, including substantive discussion on how price changes are transmitted through the supply chain.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 9/20/2018 Completed: 01/30/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

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