

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: America's Farms and Ranches at a Glance: 2025 Edition

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

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

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Subject of Review: Farms in the United States represent a diverse set of business operations and farm operators (producers). This annual report describes the characteristics of U.S. farms and ranches with the most recent data from the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), an annual survey conducted by USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS). Statistics for calendar year 2024 are presented using a farm classification developed by USDA, ERS to categorize farms into groups with some common characteristics. The classifications used are mainly based on each farm's annual gross cash farm income and ownership (family versus nonfamily) as well as the main occupation of the farm's principal producer in some instances. This edition also contains two new sections. First, the report provides statistics on the direct sales of edible and non-edible agricultural products. In this report direct sales are defined as the process of marketing crops, livestock, poultry, or other agricultural products produced on the farm directly to consumers, retail markets, institutions, or intermediate markets. Second, the report provides information on transitioning and certified organic acreage by ownership type (rented versus owned land) and region.

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: 9/15/2025 Completed: 12/12/2025

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

