

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Structure and Finances of U.S. Farms: Family Farm Report, 2014 Edition

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

EIB

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: Broad descriptions of farms based on U.S averages can mask variation among different sizes and types of farms. Small family farms dominate the farm count, but midsize and large-scale family farms account for the bulk of farm production. Averages like sales per farm, therefore, can be misleading. Information on the different kinds of farms—and the farmers who operate them—is important for understanding the economic well-being of farm households and the impact of farm policy. This report aims to provide an accurate, detailed, and unbiased source of information on the structure and finances of U.S. farms, their financial performance, sources of farm household income, and the extent of off-farm work. The report also provides information on long-run trends in farm operators' income and net worth.

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: 07/03/14 End: 08/15/14 Completed: 10/21/14

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
Organization's Name:

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

