

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Consumers Benefit from Off-Season Produce Imports

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: We estimate the value to consumers attributable to newly available off-season imports of berries: strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and raspberries. Looking retrospectively, the calculations reveal the magnitude of benefits offered by imports from South America and Mexico. Prospectively, we also estimate the benefits of further reductions in seasonality—where springtime prices prevail through the winter.

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: 10/02/14 End: 01/21/15 Completed: 01/21/15

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



