

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Finding from USDA Economic Surveys of Certified Organic Field Crop Producers

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

ERR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: Organic crop acres more than doubled between 2002 and 2011 as acreage increased from 1.3 to over 3 million acres. A large part of this growth was in major field crops corn, wheat, and soybeans, where certified organic production increased about 280,000 acres. Most research on the economics of organic field crop production is based on results of long-term experimental trials, while little information is available about the relative costs and returns of organic grain production on commercial farms. This study uses data from targeted surveys of organic corn, wheat, and soybean production in an observational analysis of cost-of-production differences between conventional and organic crop production systems.

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: 01/14/15 End: 05/28/15 Completed: 05/28/15

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

