

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Understanding the Changing Landscape for Midsized Farms

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

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

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Subject of Review: Data from the Census of Agriculture and the Agricultural Resource Management Survey are used to investigate the well-being and changing organization of midsize farms over the last 20 years. During this period, changes in midsize farms reflect a farm economy experiencing rapid technological change, rising costs of production, and increasing profitability of larger farms. This report analyzes changes in the numbers of midsize farms, their production portfolios, their income portfolios, their indebtedness and profitability, and the pathways for farm transition across different size classes.

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: 2/9/16 End: 05/06/16 Completed: 05/06/16

Number of Reviewers: [X] 3 or fewer [ ] 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

