

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Three Decades of Consolidation in U.S. Agriculture

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: Agricultural production has shifted to much larger farming operations over the last three decades, even as we count an increasing number of very small farms. Consolidation of acreage and production has been persistent, widespread, and large in crop production. Structural change has been quite dramatic in some livestock commodities, but we see little consolidation in pasture and grazing land and in the associated cattle sectors. The report, based on detailed farm level data, also tracks developments in farm-level specialization and in the organization of farming businesses.

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: 09/12/17 Completed: 12/8/17

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