

## ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Nonfamily Farm Operations and the Households Who Operate Them  
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

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

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Subject of Review: About 2 percent of the 2 million U.S. farms are classified as nonfamily farms and on average represent over 13 percent of all U.S. farmgate value of production. While nonfamily farms are responsible for a disproportionately high amount of agricultural production, only a small fraction of nonfamily operations are large, and there is a wide range of operation types, spanning different sales classes, management types, and household situations. Previous farm household research based on the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) data, including the Farm Household Income Forecast and Farm Household Income Estimates, have omitted households operating nonfamily farms, even though household level data is collected for these operations and could be reported. Principal operators of nonfamily farms are important decisionmakers and stakeholders in the agricultural and rural economies regardless of the familial ownership structure of their operation. The well-being of nonfamily farm principal operator households has critical implications for agricultural sector entry and exit – not only in ownership, but as a profession.

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: 07/06/2023 Completed: 8/07/2024

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

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

