

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Access to Farmland: Issues and Actions

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: Ensuring “land access” is a farm policy objective that targets orderly transition of farm operations, creating opportunities for emerging “beginning” farm operations and for farm operations that consist of operators that hail from “Socially Disadvantaged” groups (SDA). This objective is motivated by several trends, including the aging of the population of U.S. farmers, the growth in concentration of farmlands, credit constraints, and competition for land from urban and environmental uses. The purpose of this report is to better understand the mechanisms and barriers behind access to farmland for beginning and SDA farmers.

Purpose of Review: This report was motivated by the 2018 Farm Bill (FB), wherein the US Congress tasked the USDA with an analysis of the barriers that prevent or hinder the ability of beginning farmers and SDA farmers to acquire or access farmland; and what USDA is doing to address these concerns.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 8/21/2020 Completed: 08/17/2021 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

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