

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food Loss at the Farm and Pre-Retail Sectors: A Look at the Produce Supply Chain in the United States

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: This report explores drivers of fresh-produce loss at the farm and pre-retail sectors, addressing existing knowledge gaps. Additionally, the report examines efforts to recover or recycle food, such as gleaning or processing, and alternative markets, such as secondary outlets for “ugly” produce, as potential means of mitigating pre-retail food loss.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 5/28/2019 Completed: 09/04/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

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