

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: America's Diverse Family Farm 2021

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: Broad descriptions of farms based on U.S. averages can mask variation among the many sizes and types of farms. For example, in 2020, the average value of production on the 2 million U.S. farms amounted to \$18,467. Few farms, however, are near the average; half of the farms had production valued at \$7,000 or less, while 66 percent of all production occurred on farms with at least \$1 million of agricultural output.

This report uses a farm classification, or typology, developed by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) to categorize farms into more homogeneous groupings to better understand conditions across the Nation's diverse farm sector. The classification is based largely on the annual revenue of the farm, the main occupation of the farm's principal producer, and family versus non-family ownership of the farm. In this report, there are many reoccurring sections that appear every year and generally, data and statistics for these sections vary little across the years as changes in the structure of the agricultural sector are usually gradual. New and periodic sections in this edition include a 10-year look back on farm structure, value of production, and financial risk by farm type. This edition also reports on data collected on how the coronavirus pandemic affected direct sales and off-farm employment of farm households.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/24/2021 Completed: 10/12/2021 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX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