

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Financial Characteristics of Vegetable and Melon Farms  
Publication Series: Special Outlook Report

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

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Subject of Review: This report compares the financial profiles of specialized vegetable and melon farms to all other U.S. farms and ranches, and of farms within the sector across Census regions. These comparisons were drawn from data obtained from the USDA Agricultural Resource and Management Survey for the years 2005-07.

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

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 07/19/10 End: Completed: 10/28/10

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists and market analysts, policy administrator

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

