

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Agricultural Contracting Update: Contracts in 2005  
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB  
 Influential Scientific Information  
Agency: Economic Research Service  Highly Influential Scientific Assessment  
USDA  
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Subject of Review: Agricultural contracts are covering a growing share of US farm production. Growth in contracting is closely tied to other features of ongoing structural change in agriculture, such as shifts of production to larger farms, increasing farm specialization, and greater product differentiation. This study uses information collected by the 2005 Agricultural Resource Management Survey, together with earlier surveys, to examine the growth of agricultural production and marketing contracts by U.S. farmers.

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  Individual Reviewers  
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 10/09/07 End: 11/19/07 Completed: 12/28/07

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  No

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

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  Yes  No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  Yes  No



