

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Beginning Farmers and Ranchers
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: USDA defines a beginning farm as one operated by a farmer who has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years. The 10-year requirement applies to all operators of the farm or ranch. To help policymakers design and implement programs targeted at beginning farmers, this report provides basic information on the numbers of entering and beginning farmers and compares their characteristics to those of more established farmers. In particular, this report focuses on how beginning farmers acquire control over the land they operate and their sources of household income.

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: 12/27/07 End: 02/19/08 Completed: 07/31/08

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

