

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: U.S. Organic Farming, 1997-2007: A Decade of Policy Change and Growth  
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR  
 Influential Scientific Information  
 Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

Agency: Economic Research Service [ ]  
USDA

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Subject of Review: Over the last decade, U.S. policy on organic agriculture has shifted from a focus on facilitating consumer market access to a differentiated product to a much broader agenda that includes research, data development, and other initiatives. While U.S. organic production has increased steadily during this period, not all organic commodity sectors have kept pace with demand and organic imports are now playing a significant role in supplying the U.S. organic market. This report examines recent production trends in the U.S. organic sector, and the economic and environmental impacts of organic production—including case studies on organic grains and dairy. The State and federal initiatives that are emerging to help broaden interest in this sector are also described in this report.

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: 02/06/08 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

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



