

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: A Revised and Expanded Food Dollar Series
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR
 Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 mandated that USDA measure the costs of marketing U.S. agricultural commodities. Marketing bill statistics for food commodities have been published annually since the 1940s by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) and its predecessor agency. The series reports food dollar expenditures (annual expenditures by or for persons living in the U.S. on domestically produced food of farm origin) and its component costs. This report uses input-output analysis to estimate the input cost components of the food dollar from 1993-2008. The analysis generates food dollar estimates (and food-and-beverage dollar estimates) for three dollar series; total expenditures, at-home expenditures, and away-from-home expenditures.

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: 07/28/10 End: 09/20/10 Completed: 09/28/10

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



