

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Changing Nature of U.S. Farming

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: Over the past 25 years, agricultural organization and structure has changed rapidly and continues to evolve. To help stakeholders envision paths for future developments in the coming years, this report tracks the last 25 years of changes, progressing from agricultural land, the most basic farm resource, to human resources (the farm operators) and the support farm operators receive (government payments). The report also follows changes in productivity, how farmers specialized and consolidated in response to greater productivity, and—as they grew—organized their farms and created business arrangements with other entities. Focusing primarily on changes between 1982 and 2007, this report uses agricultural census data to document long-term trends and relies on USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey data to examine recent phenomena in more detail.

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: 09/28/10 End: 03/24/11 Completed: 03/24/11

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

