

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Increased Realism: How Americans Perceive Their Diet Quality

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 last 20 years there have been important improvements in the nutrition information available to consumers. One way to evaluate the effects of better information is to examine changes in Americans' understanding of the meaning of diet healthfulness. In this study, we look at the change in Americans' subjective perceptions of their own diet quality between 1989-91 and 2005-08. We use data from the Flexible Consumer Behavior Survey (administered with the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)) to highlight how perceptions of diet quality vary with expenditure, household food availability and eating behavior. The data for our comparisons of diet quality perception come from the 1989-91 Continuing Survey of Food Intakes of Individuals (CSFII) and the 2005-2006 and 2007-2008 waves of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

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: 01/06/11 End: 04/08/11 Completed: 04/08/11

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

