

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Structural Change and Adjustment to Policy-reform: the Post-buyout Experience of Peanuts and Tobacco

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Until recently, a longstanding feature of U.S. farm policy was the operation of marketing quota and price support programs for peanuts and tobacco, which were “bought out” in 2002 and 2004, respectively. The elimination of these programs exposed producers more to market risks and brought about structural changes visible at the farm, regional, and market-wide levels. This report examines the changes in the tobacco and peanut sector after the buy outs.

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 [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 2/03/09 End: 5/7/09 Completed: 5/7/09

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

