

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Larger Farms Dominate U.S. Milk Production  
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: The U.S. dairy industry has consolidated towards larger farms, with more cows and higher milk output per cow in recent years. Newer, larger farms are increasingly located in “non-traditional” dairy regions such as the Western United States, but they also appearing in other parts of the country. This study analyzes the observed trends and the changes that are being observed in the dairy industry across the country.

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: 10/07/09 End: 10/09/09 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