

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The U.S. Produce Industry and Labor: Facing the Future in a Global Economy
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 U.S. fruit and vegetable industry is labor-intensive, faces relatively high labor rates compared to other countries, and operates in global economy with relatively free trade. Over half of the hired workers employed in U.S. crop agriculture are believed to be unauthorized. With continuing discussions of future immigration reforms, growers are concerned about the possibility of higher farm labor costs. This report examines the use of labor to produce selected commodities.

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: 11/12/09 End: 03/25/10 Completed: 03/25/10

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