

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Local Food Systems: Concepts, Impacts, and Issues
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: This report assesses the development of local food markets in the United States. It synthesizes existing analyses to evaluate the definition of local foods and the effect of local marketing on energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, economic development, health, nutrition, and adequate access to healthy and safe food.

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: 01/08/10 End: 02/16/10 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