

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Crop Revenue Variability: Implications for Commodity Program Design  
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERS  
 Influential Scientific Information  
Agency: Economic Research Service  Highly Influential Scientific Assessment  
USDA  
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Subject of Review: This report examines the factors that affect revenue variability and how payments under a hypothetical commodity support program based on revenue would be distributed across crops and regions. The analysis focuses on four crops- corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton (crops that accounted for about 80 percent of commodity program payments and benefits and for about 50 percent of the value of production of U.S. crops between 2002 and 2007). The report measures and compares revenue variability for each crop at four levels-national, state, county, and farm. It identifies and analyzes key issues in revenue program design.

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: 07/31/09 End: X/X/X Completed: X/X/X

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