

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Organic Agriculture Information and Situation Report, 2024

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: Organic agriculture has experienced consistent growth at the farm and retail level for the past two decades. From 2013 to 2022, the compounded annual growth rate of inflation-adjusted organic retail sales was over 7 percent. However, domestic acreage has decreased in recent years, as have acres transitioning into organic. To support domestic growth of organic production, USDA announced the Organic Transition Initiative in 2022, a \$300 million effort to help farmers overcome barriers to transition. Given the sustained interest and growth in the sector, the Organic Situation and Outlook report provides an overview of domestic and international organic production trends, USDA initiatives to ease transition to organic production, exports and imports of organic commodities, organic prices and price premia, and retail sales. The report also provides a discussion of regenerative agriculture and the regenerative labels available in the market.

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: 12/4/2023 Completed: ---

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

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