Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Capturing the Complete Food Environment with Commercial Data: A Comparison of TDLinx, ReCount, and NETS

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR.) TB

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service
USDA

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Subject of Review: There is growing interest in how the local food environment relates to diet quality and health, especially for low-income Americans. USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS) purchases three proprietary datasets: TDLinx (a census of food-at-home (FAH) establishments), ReCount, (a census of food-away-from-home (FAFH) establishments) and NETS (a census of establishments across all sectors). These datasets strive to contain comprehensive lists of food establishments and each establishment’s characteristics, such as sales and location. This report compares these three datasets to validate information provided in each dataset and create a more comprehensive depiction of the food environment by including both FAH and FAFH establishments.

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 [X] Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):


Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No