

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: America's Farms and Ranches

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report uses a farm classification, or typology, developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) to categorize farms into more homogeneous groupings to better understand conditions across the Nation's diverse farm sector. The classification is mainly based on the farm's annual revenue, the main occupation of the farm's principal operator, and family versus nonfamily farm ownership. This report includes many sections that appear in each annual edition. Generally, data and statistics for these sections have varied little across the years as changes in the agricultural sector's structure are usually gradual. This edition reports the distribution of farm and non-farm pandemic assistance farms received in 2021 and enhances coverage of farm financial stress by including information on short-term debts and fungible assets. Authors also report on farm input purchase strategies, adoption of agritourism, and the percentage of farm household members with healthcare coverage.

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):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/28/2022 Completed: 11/1/2022

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

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