

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: An Overview of Beginning Farms

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

EB

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

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Subject of Review: This report uses information from the 2017 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) to describe the structural and economic characteristics of beginning farms and illustrate how they differ from more established operations. The report provides information about the size and commodity specialization of beginning farms and describes the sources of income, borrowing, wealth and indebtedness of beginning farm principal operators.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 1/6/2019 Completed: XX/XX/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

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