

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Issues and Trends in Production Practices and Costs of the U.S. Corn Sector

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

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

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Subject of Review: Over the past 20 years, the U.S. corn industry has seen increased acreage, higher yields, and increased overall production. Major trends including developments in seed and precision farming technologies, farm consolidation, and changes in irrigation coverage have impacted production. This report shows the technological and structural changes in U.S. corn production and describes how these changes have affected farm expenditures, productivity, yields, and production costs.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 6/17/2019 Completed: XX/XX/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/19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