

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Methodology for the Food-Away-From-Home and Alcohol Prices Database

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

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

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Subject of Review: The Food-Away-from-Home and Alcohol Price Series (FAFHAPS) contains geographically disaggregated average prices without tax for foods purchased away from home and for alcoholic beverages at the national level as well as by 4 Census regions and 9 Census divisions. It was developed as a complementary data product to the Quarterly Food-at-Home Price Database (QFAHPD), which provides market-level food prices for food-at-home products based on the Nielsen Homescan data. Given the importance of food-away-from-home (FAFH) consumption in a typical American's diet and evidence that prices may vary substantially across areas, these data can be used to study how prices affect food choices, intake and health outcomes. This report presents a detailed description of the methodology behind the FAFHAPS. Quarterly mean prices for different products (e.g., entrees and meals, nonalcoholic beverages, sandwiches, hamburgers, fried chicken, pizza, school lunches, soda and alcoholic beverages) at 4 types of FAFH establishments (limited service, full service, vending machines, employee and school sites) were calculated using price quotes collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Consumer Price Index.

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: 9/17/13 End: 01/16/2014 Completed: 01/16/2014

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

