

# ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Estimating the State-level Food Expenditure Series

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) TB

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

Agency Contact: Kelly Maguire, kelly.b.maguire@usda.gov

Subject of Review: The USDA Economic Research Service's (ERS) Food Expenditure Series (FES) is a comprehensive measure of the total value of the U.S. food system over time, by outlet and product type, and by final purchasers and users. It provides our stakeholders, researchers, journalists, and the public with data to evaluate changes in food spending and the composition of the food system, however, it is limited to the national level. This report presents the methodology and data used to generate food expenditure estimates at the State level. The State-level FES follows a similar methodology used in the national-level FES but with a different underlying dataset and benchmarked to the national-level estimates. The national-level estimates are based primarily on food sales reported in the Economic Census, which is published every 5 years, and uses U.S. Census Bureau's annual surveys to interpolate between years and extrapolate lagged data forward. The State-level FES estimates are based primarily on sales reported in the National Establishment Time Series Database—which provides time-series data on establishments across all sectors, including grocery stores and food service outlets. The State-level FES is a valuable tool for government agencies, academics, the public, and other stakeholders to understand differences in consumer food acquisitions and spending behavior at a more localized level.

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: 10/6/2022 Completed: 12/21/2022

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