

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Puerto Rico's Agricultural Economy: A Brief Overview

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: Relative to its other economic sectors, the agricultural sector of Puerto Rico—a U.S. territory—is comparatively small, making up only a fraction of 1 percent of the island's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2020. In the past, Puerto Rico's agricultural industry had more economic significance, surpassing 40 percent of the island's GDP in the mid-1930s. A limited amount of Puerto Rico's agricultural production is exported, with the European Union (EU) and Canada receiving the most exports. Since the early 2000s, the agricultural sector has received boosts from policy initiatives to decrease the island's reliance on food imports. Even with incentives to increase production, agriculture generally provides a small share of farm household income, and few Puerto Rican households are fully reliant on farming. In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria caused major disruptions, destroying Puerto Rico's agricultural harvest and infrastructure, with long-lasting effects on the makeup of its agricultural sector. This study examines the resulting changes in Puerto Rico's agricultural sector between 2012 and 2018, based on statistics collected under the *2017 Census of Agriculture, Puerto Rico (2018)*.

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: 02/04/2022 Completed: 07/20/2022

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