

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: New Farm Entrants: Financial Performance, Growth, and Farm Succession

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: A financially viable farm business can require control of substantial assets, posing a major obstacle to potential new farmers. This report draws on data from Agricultural Resource Management Surveys and the Census of Agriculture to provide policymakers with a better understanding of beginning farmers, including their characteristics, how they gain access to land they operate, their financial performance over time, and other aspects of farm transition including farm exits and farm succession.

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: 07/28/16 End: 2/27/17 Completed: 2/27/17

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

