

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Understanding U.S. International Trade of Organic Agricultural Products

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

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

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Subject of Review: Certified organic production and markets for organic food are expanding in many countries around the world, presenting new opportunities for U.S. organic trade. The United States is the largest single market for organic products, followed by the European Union and China, although per capita consumption is highest in parts of Europe. In 2011, the United States became the first country to collect data for both organic imports and exports. This study examines recent trends in U.S. organic trade, including sectors where a gap has emerged between domestic supply and demand. The new trade data is used to analyze U.S. organic import and export patterns between 2011 and 2016, and to understand the consumer demand, supply constraints and other factors contributing to U.S. organic trade.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 4/17/2018 Completed: XX/XX/18 Withdrawn: 12/12/18

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