

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	The Food and Nutrition Assistance Landscape: Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report		
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB)	EIB		
	☒	Influential Scientific Information	
Agency:	Economic Research Service USDA	☐	Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review:	USDA administers 16 domestic food and nutrition assistance programs that affect the lives of millions of people and account for roughly two-thirds of USDA's annual budget. These programs include SNAP, WIC, the school meal programs, and other smaller programs. Over a typical year, about one in four people in the United States participate in at least one of these programs. USDA's food and nutrition assistance programs continued to evolve in FY 2025, which was the second year of operation of the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program (Summer EBT). This annual report provides updated information that can be used to monitor the changing landscape for USDA's largest domestic food and nutrition assistance programs, including trends in program participation and spending, relevant policy changes, and trends in economic and social indicators that affect these programs. In addition, this report includes a summary of recent USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS) research relevant to these programs.		
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	☒ Individual Reviewers
	☐	Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):	
Timing of Review (Est.):	Start:	2/11/2025	Completed:
Number of Reviewers:	☒	3 or fewer	☐ 4 to 10 ☐ More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:	Economists		
Reviewers selected by:	☒	Agency	☐ Designated Outside Organization
Opportunities for Public Comment?	☐	Yes	☒ No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:			
How:			

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?	☐	Yes	☒	No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?	☐	Yes	☒	No