

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Emergency and Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program Land

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: Land enrolled in the USDA, Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is restricted in its use. However, some haying and grazing of CRP lands is allowed in many circumstances, including under Emergency and Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing provisions in the General and Continuous CRP subprograms. This report summarizes the use of Emergency and Non-Emergency Haying and Grazing from years 2016-2023. During that time, emergency use has expanded during times of drought, and has been concentrated in areas where drought has been the most severe. Non-Emergency use does not follow obvious spatial patterns. Both programs, but especially Emergency Haying and Grazing, can help producers respond to drought and other natural disasters by expanding local feed supply.

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: 3/27/2026 Completed:

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