

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Demand for Crop Insurance: A look at the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000

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

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

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Subject of Review: The first 50 years of the Federal crop insurance program were marked by low enrollment levels, painting the picture of a failing program. Legislation in 1980, 1994, and 2000 expanded the program and introduced and increased premium subsidies to provide producers incentives to participate. Enrollment jumped, transforming the Federal crop insurance program from a minor program into one of the major pillars of support for US crop farmers. Increased participation and recent high commodity prices, however, caused significant increases in funding the costs of the program. In today's climate of budget balancing, policymakers are looking for ways to cut back on federal programs. Given the importance of premium subsidies to encourage enrollment, it is feasible that cuts to the federal crop insurance program could lead to a decreased reliance on crop insurance. This report analyzes how changes in subsidies introduced in an ad hoc fashion in 1998 and 1999 and subsequently codified into law with the Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA) of 2000 affected producers' decisions to participate in crop insurance.

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: 6/19/13 End: 02/05/2014 Completed: 02/05/2014

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

