

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Agricultural Land Tenure in the U.S.

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: Land is a primary input into farming, and tenure shapes many farm decisions, including those related to production, conservation and succession planning. For current and future farmers, especially young and beginning farmers, farmland ownership patterns provide information on access to land. This research will examine land ownership and tenure patterns, made possible by newly available survey data from the USDA 2014 Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural land (TOTAL) survey. This research provides a baseline analysis of land ownership and land tenure, including the composition of non-operator landlords, rental agreements, patterns in the acquisition and transfer of farmland, and how decision making is shared by landlords and their tenants. This research is designed to support broad discussions related to agricultural land ownership and provide a starting point for more detailed statistical analysis.

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: 03/1/16 End: 06/01/16 Completed: 06/01/16

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

