Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Overview of changes to the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program under the Agricultural Act of 2014 and their potential risk reduction impacts

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

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review: The Agricultural Act of 2014 increased support for crops ineligible for Federal Crop Insurance (FCI) through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Previously producers ineligible for FCI could only purchase catastrophic coverage under NAP, which covered yield losses greater than fifty percent of the approved yield at fifty-five percent of the average market price. Under the Agricultural Act of 2014, producers who enroll in NAP can pay a premium to purchase coverage up to sixty-five percent of the expected yield at one hundred percent of the average market price. This report examines the impact on producers' average revenue, revenue risk reduction from the changes to NAP, and how the expected payments change with the choice of coverage level. The report also observes how enrollment and outlays has changed over the last several years.

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: [X] Individual Reviewers

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/24/16 End: 10/06/16 Withdrawn: XX/XX/16

Number of Reviewers: [X] 4 to 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Opportunities for Public Comment? [X] Yes

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [X] No