Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Evolving Distribution of Payments from Commodity, Conservation, and Federal Crop Insurance Programs

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

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review: Agricultural policies—through Federal commodity, conservation, and crop insurance programs—aim to mitigate the financial risks faced by farmers and the environmental risks posed by agricultural production. The programs also provide financial assistance to farmers through direct financial support, in the case of commodity and conservation programs, and through premium subsidies in the case of crop insurance. This research examines how changes in the structure of agriculture have changed the distribution of support over time.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 07/12/17 Completed: 08/30/17 Withdrawn: 08/30/17

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