

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: America's Diverse Family Farms: 2017 Edition,

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: The report focuses on the diversity of U.S. farms. This report uses a farm classification, or typology, developed by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS), that categorizes farms into homogenous groupings to understand conditions within the Nation's diverse farm sector. This annual report uses the latest ARMS data to characterize production, financial performance, and farm household characteristics by farm size categories.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 10/05/17 Completed: 10/20/2017 Withdrawn: XX/XX/17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