

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Impacts of the 2014-2015 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak on the U.S. Poultry Sector

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

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

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Subject of Review: The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak experienced by the U.S. poultry sector between December 2014 and June 2015 was an historic animal disease event. 50 million birds died of HPAI or were destroyed to control it. These birds accounted for approximately 12 percent of the table-egg laying population and 8 percent of the estimated turkey inventory. Export restrictions—levied by most U.S. poultry destination markets on eggs, turkeys, and broilers—distorted markets and exacerbated economic losses. This paper provides an overview of the outbreak itself, its timeline, and impact on production, trade, and prices.

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: 02/28/17 End: 11/08/17 Completed: 11/08/17

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