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.

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.

The review is conducted by economists. Opportunities for public comment are provided Yes. The timeline of the review is from 02/28/17 to 11/08/17. There are 4 to 10 reviewers. The organization’s name is Economic Research Service, USDA.