

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Measuring the Value of the U.S. Food System: Revisions to the Food Expenditure Series

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

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

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Subject of Review: The Food Expenditure Series is a comprehensive measure of the U.S. food system, quantifying the value of food consumed in the United States, by type of outlet (e.g., grocery stores, warehouse clubs, restaurants, recreational facilities and so on) and product (packaged products meant for off-premise consumption and meals and snacks meant for on-premise consumption). These data complement current ERS data sets that are used to gauge and track developments in consumer food purchasing behaviors and the food supply. ERS researchers recently updated the methods and data used to measure the Food Expenditure Series. This comprehensive revision goes back to 1997, and may establish a break with the currently published Food Expenditure Series because of the magnitude of the revisions. The trends in and magnitude of the revised Food Expenditure Series are comparable to household expenditure data estimated by other government agencies.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 2/2/2018 Completed: 6/4/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/18

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