# Peer Review Plan

**Preliminary Title:** Assessing the Drivers of U.S. Food Expenditures

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

- ERR

**[X] Influential Scientific Information**

**Agency:** Economic Research Service

**USDA**

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**Subject of Review:** Expenditure on food and beverages in the United States reached $1.8 trillion in 2019. This expenditure included both food-at-home (FAH) establishments and food-away-from-home (FAFH) establishments. While total food expenditures have increased steadily through the decades, the share of expenditures at FAH establishments has decreased from about two-thirds half a century ago to 45 percent in 2019. To better understand changes in food spending, this study utilizes a structural decomposition analysis (SDA) to investigate the roles of income and propensity to spend changes in one framework. Specifically, the SDA framework decomposes food spending into four components: disposable personal income (DPI), personal consumption expenditures (PCE) as a share of DPI, total food spending as a share of PCE, and FAH (FAFH) as a share of total food spending. Using data from 1997 to 2020, this study assesses the relative effects of the drivers of food spending including recession periods.

**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: 02/26/2021
- Completed: 05/13/2021
- Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

**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