Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Specialty Crop Participation in Federal Risk Management Programs

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

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

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Subject of   USDA offers the Risk Management Agency (RMA) Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCIP)
Review: and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
                   to help farmers mitigate risks and provide indemnity payments if insured crops experience
                   losses due to weather-related and market conditions. Specialty crops, which includes fruits
                   and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture nursery crops, often operate in thin
                   markets. Thin markets are characterized by low data availability and often high price
                   volatility. A substantial amount of data is required to create actuarially sound insurance
                   products, and so historically, fewer crop insurance tools have been made available to
                   specialty crop producers. As RMA and FSA have both continue to develop safety net
                   programs for specialty crop farmers, this study aims to expand on the understanding on
                   current use of these safety net programs by specialty crop growers and organic specialty crop
                   growers.

Purpose of   The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent
Review: 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Timing of Review (Est.):   Start: 09/14/2021   Completed: 2/9/2022   Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [ ]   3 or   [X]   4 to 10   [ ]   More than 10
                                  fewer

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