Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Revenue Effects of Income-Protection Commodity Support for Upland Cotton Farmers

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

                     [X]   Influential Scientific Information

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

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Subject of Review: The Agricultural Act of 2014 introduced two new crop insurance programs for upland cotton: the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX). SCO and STAX are colloquially known as "shallow loss" programs because they typically have lower deductibles and do not compensate for the bigger losses that preexisting Federal Crop Insurance programs can cover. The report examines the structures of SCO and STAX and how these programs interact with other crop insurance programs. This report provides estimates of the contribution of SCO and STAX to revenue and downside risk reduction for upland cotton producers in various counties. Analysis of the programs for producers within individual counties is also conducted to examine how risk reduction differs across counties with different inherent revenue risk.

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: 12/22/15   End: 05/11/15   Completed: 05/11/15

Number of Reviewers: [X] 3 or fewer   [] 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