

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Farm Labor Market Tightens

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

ERR

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

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Subject of
Review:

There are many signs that the U.S. farm labor market has tightened, including producer reports of labor shortages, rising farm wages, and increased employment of guestworkers through the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Program. Moreover, various structural changes in the Mexican economy are causing the farm labor supply from rural Mexico to shrink over the long term. Several options for responding to a tighter labor market are explored, including raising wages, further mechanization, greater employment of guestworkers, and switching to less labor-intensive crops..

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 1/11/2018 Completed: 7/17/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/18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