

## ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Estimating the USDA, Economic Research Service Commodity Costs and Returns and Milk Cost of Production Data Series

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) TB

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

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Subject of Review: The USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS) Commodity Costs and Returns (CAR) Data and Milk Cost of Production (COP) Data products provide annual CAR estimates for 12 U.S. agricultural commodities. These estimates are updated twice annually using data from multiple sources including USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) and various USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) data sources. Every 4 to 10 years, commodity survey-year estimates are made based upon new ARMS data. Estimates made between survey years hold technology constant and update the survey-year estimates with new price and production information. This report presents methods used to develop these estimates.

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: 4/17/2024 Completed: 5/31/2024

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

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