

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Absent landlords: Relationship to Land Values, Soil Health, and Community Well-being

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: Non-operating landlords own the majority of rented farmland which raises important questions about their effects on the economic health of the farm sector. In particular, absentee landlords have the potential to alter the equilibrium outcomes given that the incentives they faced differ from operating or local landlords. In addressing such questions, this report looks at the association between landlord absenteeism and multiple variables of long-term economic agriculture health. This report is designed to start a broad discussion and a starting point for a deeper statistical analysis that aims at uncovering causality and the direction of effect.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 11/15/19 Completed: 12/20/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX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