

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: A Disaggregated View of Market Concentration in the Food Retail Industry
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR
 Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: The food retail sector has experienced major consolidation and structural change over the last three decades. This has led to increased interest among researchers, policymakers, and consumers about the potential ramifications of these changes on market concentration in food retailing. A meaningful analysis of the change in concentration of food retailing markets would ideally be focused on the relevant geographic markets and amongst likely competing retailers. This report investigates the changes in food retailing market concentration at the National-, State-, MSA- and Country-level in the United States over the 1990-2019 period using data from the National Establishment Time Series dataset.
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 Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):
Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 06/07/2022 Completed: 08/04/2022
Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists
Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization
Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:
Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No