# ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Characterizing Differences in Foreign-owned and Foreign-leased U.S. Agricultural Land

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB)    EIB

                                                          [X]  Influential Scientific Information

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

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Subject of Review:    The topic of foreign investment in America's farmland has received unprecedented attention as of late. As of February 2023, 28 States have proposed bills related to foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land. Over 20 pieces of related legislation were introduced in the 117th and 118th Congress, three of which passed the House of Representatives. Current legislations target restricting foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land and does not generally differentiate between foreign purchases and leases. However, to date, little attention has been paid to the distinction between foreign-owned and foreign-leased agricultural land in the U.S., despite their potential to have dramatically different impacts on the farm economy (as well as on renewable energy development and national security).

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:    2/26/2024    Completed:    ---

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

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