

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: A Second Look at Key Questions Ten Years after USDA Added Whole-Grain Bread to WIC Food Packages

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: In 2009, USDA added 100% whole-wheat bread (and other whole-grain options) to WIC food packages for children and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. A number of studies have since investigated whether this change had the desired effect of increasing whole grains consumption among program participants with mixed results. Questions also remain about the availability and cost at retail food stores of WIC-allowed bread in 1-pound (16-ounce) packages. In this study, we use a combination of store and household-level data to take a second look at key questions and help policymakers consider the latest recommendations to further adjust WIC food packages. Results show that product availability, product prices, and continued preferences for refined grains among WIC households may continue to limit whole grains consumption.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 6/7/2018 Completed: 11/02/18 Withdrawn: XX/XX/18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