

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: A More Complete Accounting of Our Food Economy: Revisions to the ERS Food Dollar

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

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

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Subject of Review: The modern Food Dollar Series was introduced in 2011 and measures farm shares, marketing shares, and costs of supply chain activities in domestic food production using input–output analysis. Data constraints have limited the amount and level of detail available for analysis. For example, the Food Dollar could only produce farm and marketing shares for “Bread and bakery” and “Poultry” products in five-year intervals when data sources release this level of detail. The Food Dollar could not delineate between full- and limited-service restaurants. All restaurant types were grouped together. The updated Food Dollar uses the Agri-Food Environmental Economic Data System developed by USDA, ERS, which is fully determined by U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis data sources and harmonized with other USDA, ERS data products. It expands the level of detail annually for the Food Dollar model and includes adjustments to recover the full market value of farm and food commodities in food-away-from-home expenditures. The updated Food Dollar produces a more comprehensive accounting of the cost of farm commodities and value contributions by supply chain activities per dollar spent on domestically produced food. This report outlines the updates to the Food Dollar model and revisions to the data.

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: 1/23/2025 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

