

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Higher Prices for Beef, Pork, Poultry, and Other Meats Reduced Consumer Welfare During Covid-19 Pandemic

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: The U.S. food system is generally regarded as both efficient and productive, but the Covid-19 pandemic hampered its normal operations and revealed the limits of its resiliency. Among other things, U.S. households faced sharply higher food prices for many staple items including meats. In this study, we examine and compare U.S. households' meat purchases in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic with those in 2019 before the outbreak of the virus. A demand system for households' purchases of beef, pork, poultry, and other meats is estimated to better understand their responses to the higher prices as well as to estimate the impact that higher prices had on households' well-being.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 08/16/2021 Completed: 11/23/2021 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [X] 3 or fewer [ ] 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