

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Federal Support for Nutrition Research: Trends in the Portfolio of Research Projects

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB,) EIB

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: Nutrition research holds out the possibility of identifying dietary changes that might help people live longer and in better health, and to reduce the incidence of birth defects. We focus on setting the stage for assessing how nutrition research support might be targeted for best effect by answering the question, "What has the Federal government done to support nutrition research?" The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services, and sometimes other agencies and Departments, support nutrition research. Over 1988-2007, the Federal portfolio of nutrition research projects has included a diverse set of activities. This report tracks changes in the Federal portfolio of supported nutrition research projects. We tally project numbers across seven research areas and 37 nutrition subfields to show whether, and to what extent, Federal research priorities have changed over time.

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: 5/01/13 End: 1/13/14 Completed: XX/XX/XX

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

Organization's Name:

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

