

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Updated Supermarket Loss Estimates for Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, Meat, Poultry, and Seafood in the United States and Their Use in the ERS Loss-Adjusted Food Availability Data, 2011-12

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

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

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Subject of Review: This report updates food loss estimates in U.S. supermarkets, incorporates the updated estimates in ERS's Loss-Adjusted Food Availability data, and provides information on food loss from produce managers, meat managers, and seafood managers. This study provides updated food loss estimates for fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, and seafood in U.S. supermarkets obtained through a grant with the Nielsen Perishables Group. This study compared supplier shipment data with point-of-sale data from five large national and regional supermarket retailers to identify loss in 2011 and 2012. Second, the study analyzes what would happen if the new estimates were incorporated into the ERS Loss-Adjusted Food Availability data to replace the currently used estimates from 2005-06.

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: 01/13/15 End: 07/13/15 Completed: 07/13/15

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

