

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Purchases of USDA Foods for Child Nutrition Programs Before and After Updated Nutrition Standards

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: In addition to cash meal reimbursements, USDA supports school meal programs with foods it purchases directly and then makes available to schools. These foods, referred to as USDA Foods, assist school foodservices financially; USDA also includes foods that may help schools to meet nutrition standards, such as reduced-fat cheeses, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. This study examines use of USDA Foods between 2006 and 2017, before and after implementation of updated school meal nutrition standards.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 06/25/2021 Completed: 1/11/2022 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

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