ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Producer Supply Response for Area Planted and Area Harvested of Seven Major U.S. Crops

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

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review: There have been numerous studies on the accuracy of USDA projections, some of which look at USDA’s short-term projections, while focus on longer term baseline projections. Some of the more recent studies evaluating the Agricultural Baseline’s 10-year projections for U.S. harvested area shows that wheat area harvested is frequently overestimated while soybean area is consistently underestimated while also finding that a time-series forecast improved upon baseline projections beyond the first three year-time horizon. Given the findings from prior research, significant potential for improvement in the USDA Agricultural Baseline’s projections for area harvested and area planted.

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: 3/7/2023 Completed: 06/27/2023

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

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