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- Number of influential scientific information (ISI) peer reviews:  61
- Number of highly influential scientific assessments (HISA):  6
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Agency Summaries:

I. Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

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List the title of each ISI indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Yes/No).

2) Number of highly influential scientific assessments (HISA): 3

List the title of each HISA indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Y/N).

1. Serologic cross-reactivity of serum samples from U.S pigs against the new 2009 H1N1 influenza virus (Yes)
2. Four-pig pathogenesis study with the 2009 A/H1N1 influenza virus (Yes)
3. Thirty-pig pathogenesis study with 2009 A/H1N1 influenza virus isolates from California and Mexico (Yes)

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6) Number of peer review panels that allowed public comment.

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8) Number of times agency specifically solicited peer reviewer nominations from professional societies: 0

If such nominations were solicited, were any recommendations provided? Yes/No
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Does the agenda provide links to reports for all completed peer reviews? **Yes**
INFORMATION ABOUT REVIEWS CONDUCTED

1) Number of influential scientific information peer reviews (ISI): 2

List the title of each ISI indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Yes/No).

1. Supplemental CVC Review of the Risk Management Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Lemon (Citrus limon (L.) Burm. F.) Fruit from Northwest Argentina into the Continental US (Yes)

2. Supplemental Risk Management Analysis for Movement of Citrus Fruit from Canker Disease Quarantine Area (Yes)

2) Number of highly influential scientific assessments (HISA): 0

List the title of each HISA indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Y/N).

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1) Number of influential scientific information peer reviews (ISI): **52**

List the title of each ISI indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Yes/No).

*1. See ERS Peer Review Agendas for Influential Scientific Information on page 10.*

2) Number of highly influential scientific assessments (HISA): **0**

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INFORMATION ABOUT REVIEWS CONDUCTED

1) Number of influential scientific information peer reviews (ISI): 2

List the title of each ISI indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Yes/No).

1. *Catfish Risk Assessment External Peer Review (No)*
2. *Public Health-Based Poultry Inspection: Reduction in E. coli Counts During Poultry Processing (Yes)*

2) Number of highly influential scientific assessments (HISA): 1

List the title of each HISA indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Y/N).

1. *Risk Assessment for Guidance of Generic E. coli, Salmonella, and Campylobacter Performance Standards (No)*

3) Provide the titles of ISIs and HISIs for which Waivers (W), Deferrals (D), or Exemptions (E) were invoked or Alternative Procedures used (A). If deferral is marked, please indicate the duration of the deferral.

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8) Number of times agency specifically solicited peer reviewer nominations from professional societies: 0

If such nominations were solicited, were any recommendations provided? Yes/No
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1. The effectiveness of vegetation management practices for prevention and control of bark beetle infestations in coniferous forest of the western and southern United States (Yes)
2. Ecosystem Management of the Sierran forests (Yes)
3. Acacia koa Ecology and Silviculture (Yes)
4. Role of bark in insect infestation of heat-treated wood packaging (Yes)
5. Forest residue biomass utilization in Bitterroot Valley, Montana (Yes)
6. Effects of Low Carbon Policies on Net Farm Income (Yes)

2) Number of highly influential scientific assessments (HISA): 2

List the title of each HISA indicating whether the Peer Review Report has been completed (Y/N).

1. Water resources in Upper Verde River Arizona (Yes)
2. Ecological Effects of Prescribed Fire Season (Yes)

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- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
- Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)
- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
- Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
- Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)
- National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Risk Management Agency (RMA)
- Rural Development (RD)

**Staff Offices**

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- National Appeals Division (NAD)
- Office of the Chief Economist (OCE)
- Office of Communications (OC)
- Office of Congressional Relations (OCR)
- Office of the General Counsel (OGC)
- Office of the Inspector General (OIG)
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VII. Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)

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VIII. Farm Service Agency (FSA)

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X. Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

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XI. Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

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XIII. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

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XIV. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

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XV. Risk Management Agency (RMA)

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