

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Cuba's Deteriorating Food Security and its Implications for US Agricultural Exports

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

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

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Subject of Review: The Cuban economy has struggled to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. While the reignition of Cuba-Russia trade in late 2022 provided some respite for the Cuban economy, reductions in trade, tourism, remittances, and domestic food production have resulted in a growing food security problem for Cuba. For the third year in a row (2020-22), Cuba's agricultural imports and exports declined, based on the available statistics of Cuba's trade partners. In 2023, a combination of reduced public subsidies and inflation outpacing wage growth led to higher poverty, inequality, and food insecurity in Cuba. This deterioration in Cuba's food security situation has direct implications for U.S. agricultural exports to Cuba.

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: 11/22/2023 Completed: 3/12/2024

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