Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Impacts of State Farm Animal Welfare Policies on U.S. Animal Agriculture Industries

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

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service

Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

USDA

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Subject of Review: Since 2002, several States have passed and implemented policies that address livestock practices that impact farm animal welfare, an issue of increasing interest to U.S. stakeholders. The most common policies directly ban confinement practices in the pork, egg and veal industries, or prohibit the sale of products from noncompliant operations. Efforts for future changes are also beginning to target beef and dairy industries. As these policies become increasingly popular across States, their effects on the respective animal product industries grow, with impacts on markets and trade opportunities. This report describes the current state of these policies, the extent of their implementation and geographic coverage, and the legal environment and challenges they have experienced. This report examines the direct coverage of animals and operations under State policies, as well as the potential market implications for U.S. trade. State policies directly cover a relatively small share of operations and production, but retail sales restrictions can reach beyond State borders to impact U.S. animal product industries more broadly.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 1/18/2022 Completed: --/--/-- Withdrawn: --/--/--

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:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No