

ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Changing Landscape of U.S. Agricultural Exports to Taiwan

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

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

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Subject of Review: The United States has long been Taiwan's leading agricultural supplier, and in 2024 Taiwan was the seventh largest importer of U.S. agricultural goods. However, across 2000-2024, Taiwan has diversified its supply chain, and the U.S. share of Taiwan's market has fallen by 16.2 percentage points. Given Taiwan's importance to American farmers, this report examines the competitiveness of U.S. exports, using production and trade data over the 25-year period beginning in 2000. This period has seen U.S. market share for bulk commodities hit the hardest. Indeed, Taiwan's imports of U.S. corn fell 65 percent, soybean imports fell 51 percent, and wheat imports fell 7 percent during this period. This decline was due at least in part to the rise of Brazil as a major agricultural exporter, greater market access granted to competitors via trade agreements, and currency shifts that have made U.S. products relatively more expensive. In contrast, for consumer-oriented products, consistent growth has been observed. From 2000 to 2024, the United States has been able to increase its market share by 30 percentage points for beef and beef products, 8 percentage points for dairy products, and 2.3 percentage points for poultry products. By highlighting the areas where U.S. competitiveness has shifted and examining the reasons for these shifts, this report aims to be of service to U.S. farmers by enabling focused efforts to support or counter recent trends.

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: 7/25/2025 Completed:

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

