

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: U.S. Rice Imports Critical to Haiti's Food Needs

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

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

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Subject of Review: Haiti is the largest market for U.S. Southern long grain rice. It is also the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and is subject to chronic food insecurity. Haiti first opened its market to rice imports in 1986 and again in 1995, and its rice imports subsequently rose from 7,000 metric tons in 1984/85 to 207,000 in 1994/95 and imports now account for 80 percent of consumption. Large rice imports changed the character of the Haitian diet, with rice now accounting for almost a quarter of total calorie consumption. Imports also allowed per capita food availability to rise by 11 percent between 1985 and 2011. The Haitian government, as well as international development organizations, is currently working to improve agricultural performance. This report examines the role that U.S. rice plays in Haiti's food security and the potential for Haiti to expand its own rice production.

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: 08/11/15 End: 10/05/15 Completed: 10/05/15

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:  
How:  
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No  
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No



