

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: China's Pork Imports Rise Along with Production Costs

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: This report reviews the history and outlook for China's hog and pork industry. China is the world's leading pork producer but it has nevertheless become a leading importer of the meat, a phenomenon prompted by China's rapid increases in pork production costs and prices. International comparisons show that hog producers in China face higher feed costs than U.S. producers. Rising wages in China are spurring a transition from labor-intensive "backyard" producers to large-scale farms, but large Chinese farms also have much lower labor productivity than their U.S. competitors. Feed efficiency has improved marginally in China but it remains below that of U.S. farms. Competition from imports is likely to spur China's hog producers to seek productivity improvements that will improve their cost-competitiveness.

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: 05/18/16 End: XX/XX/16 Completed: XX/XX/16

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

