Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Economic Impacts of Retaliatory Tariffs on U.S. Agriculture

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

Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review: In 2018, the U.S. initiated tariffs on steel, aluminum, and other imported products from China and other major trading partners to address concerns surrounding national security. In response to these actions, six trading partners including Canada, China, E.U., India, Mexico, and Turkey responded with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural exports. The agricultural products targeted for retaliation were valued at $29.7 billion in 2017, with individual product lines experiencing tariff increases ranging from 5-140%. This report provides a detailed look at the impact of foreign retaliatory tariffs on farm incomes at the state level. Using the product-line econometric estimates from Grant et al. (2021) in combination with the ERS State Exports, Cash Receipts Estimates, the analysis conducts a comprehensive assessment of the impact of tariffs across States and commodities.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 04/14/2021 Completed: 06/21/2021 Withdrawn: XX/XX/XX

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