

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Will Structural Change in Brazil's Corn Industry Alter the Seasonal Pattern of U.S. Corn Exports?

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: Brazil's corn production has increased dramatically over the past decade due to changes in technology and locational shifts in area harvested. Brazil is now the third largest global corn producer and the second largest corn exporter, and the largest U.S. competitor in the global corn market. The increase in late-harvested second-crop Brazilian corn is boosting exports during the September through January export period. This research examines how competition from Brazilian corn might alter the seasonal pattern of U.S. corn exports. A changed export seasonality could influence the seasonality of corn prices and the U.S. soybean/corn price relationship, highlighting the need to reassess export forecasting methods.

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: 09/23/15 End: 03/18/16 Completed: 03/18/16

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



