

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: China's Feed Industry and Demand for Imported Commodities

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: For decades, China's potential to import feed ingredients has been a topic of interest for global agricultural markets. More recently, the country's potential for importing corn to support a growing livestock herd has prompted officials to re-evaluate China's national food security strategy to accommodate imports. This report examines the factors driving China's demand for imported commodities. The growing role of sophisticated feed companies improved the mix of feed ingredients to support growing livestock production. Feed mills have minimized costs by finding new sources of ingredients, and demonstrated its flexibility by finding substitutes for corn that was made expensive by Chinese price support policies. The industry continues to adapt to changing market conditions by adopting new business models and exploring overseas investment

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: 04/28/15 End: 06/4/15 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

