

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Investigating Trends in U.S. Agricultural Exports to China by Chinese Port Region

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

ERR

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

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Subject of Review: Most contemporary analyses of trade with China do not account for regional differences in China or the enormous expansion of the country's infrastructure over the past several decades. There are substantial regional disparities in China due to previous political decisions, natural agricultural suitability, and trends in domestic industrial development. This research analyzes the location of US agricultural exports entering China from 1997 to 2015 in order to understand trends in US-China trade. Regional differences are influenced by Chinese policies, general economic performance, regional specialization, and consumer preferences.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 3/13/2018 Completed: XX/XX/18 Withdrawn: 9/10/18

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