ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title:	The U.S. Hog Industry: Structural Change, Production Systems and Costs, and Manure Management
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB)	EIB
	[X] Influential Scientific Information
Agency:	Economic Research Service USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review:	Over the past 4 decades, the structure of the U.S. hog industry has evolved rapidly, with fewer farms producing more hogs. This raises questions about how hog farms have changed in size, diversification, use of contracts, location, and production efficiency. Questions also arise about the extent of economies of size in hog production and the use of various production practices by farm size. Recent animal welfare legislation in some States has implications for the types of housing and equipment that are used in hog production. Manure management systems used in U.S. hog production have environmental implications. This report addresses how hog farm structure has changed over the past 4 decades, how cost of production varies by farm size and production type, and the types of production practices currently used on U.S. hog farms.
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: 11/20/2024 Completed: ----
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
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