

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: China's Growing Demand for Agricultural Imports

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

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

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Subject of Review: China's demand for imported agricultural raw materials and foods is rising rapidly as China enters a new era of profound change in the way food is consumed, produced and marketed. Imports are surging due to growth in consumer demand, constraints on supply, and rapid increases in Chinese production costs and prices. Chinese agricultural imports are facilitated by relatively low barriers to imports established by the country's 2001 WTO accession, but Chinese authorities still emphasize the importance of self-reliance in their food supply. This report provides an overview of China's rising agricultural imports, discusses factors driving those imports, and summarizes USDA projections of major commodity imports to 2023.

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: 08/12/14 End: 11/12/14 Completed: 11/12/14

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

