

# ERS Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Changes in U.S. Agricultural Imports From Latin America and the Caribbean

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) SOR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service  Highly Influential Scientific Assessment  
USDA

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Subject of Review: The study relied on agricultural trade data collected by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census and compiled by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to explore changes in U.S. agricultural imports from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) between 2007–09 and 2019–21. These starting and ending points were selected in order to span the period from the Great Recession (December 2007–June 2009) to present day. Annual data were used to identify changes in the product and supplying-country composition of these imports. More detailed market and trade analysis was conducted for the five product groups accounting for the largest increases in their share of U.S. agricultural imports from LAC and the five product groups with the largest decreases in U.S. import share.

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  Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/6/2022 Completed: 1/19/2023

Number of Reviewers:  3 or fewer  4 to 10  More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by:  Agency  Designated Outside Organization

Opportunities for Public Comment?  Yes  No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?  Yes  No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?  Yes  No