

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: **Brazil's Cotton Industry: Economic Reform and Development**
Publication Series: Outlook Special Report

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

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Subject of Review: Brazil is one of the world's leading cotton producers as a result of trade liberalization and a structural transformation of the Brazilian economy and its cotton sector. Liberalization has brought the emergence of new cotton producing regions using advanced technologies and benefiting from targeted government support. Brazil's access to additional agricultural land and recent favorable cotton prices suggest the country's cotton production could rise even more than previously expected, and make the country an even more influential player in the world cotton market.

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: [X] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
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[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 12/10/2010 End: Completed: 1/12/2011

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists and market analysts.

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

