

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: **Factors Shaping Expanding U.S. Red Meat Trade**

Publication Series: E-Outlook Special Report

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

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Subject of Review: U.S. imports and exports of red meats—beef, pork, lamb, and mutton—have expanded rapidly over the last several decades, linking livestock sectors of the United States to those of several major trading partners. Paper discusses the many factors such as rising incomes, exchange rates, and expansion of free trade agreements that have contributed to the expansion.

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: 11/14/2007 End: 10/29/2008 Completed: 2/09/2009

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

