

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: North-South Cattle Price Differentials and Production Practices
Publication Series: Outlook Special Report

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

Agency Contact: Molly Garber, mgarber@ers.usda.gov

Subject of Review: The North-South (N-S) spread is a persistent difference in prices for fed cattle from the Northern and Central Plains (NE) and the Southern Plains (TX), with Southern Plains cattle generally selling at a premium to Northern cattle. This report examines the dynamics that influence these prices.

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
WAOB
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/01/10 End: Completed: 04/02/10

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, policy administrator

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

