

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: **Estimating the Substitution of Distillers' Grain for Corn and Soybean Meal in the U.S. Feed Complex**
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: Corn-based dry mill ethanol production and that of its coproducts, notably distillers' dried grains with solubles (DDGS), has surged in the past several years. The size of this new feed source and its impact on the U.S. feed market has been a significant topic of discussion in the U.S. feed industry. This study develops a method for estimating the potential use of U.S. DDGS and its substitutability for corn and soybean meal.

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: 08/30/2010 End: Completed: 03/21/2011

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

