

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: **Trends In U.S. Cotton Basis Since 2001**
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: Basis in U.S. futures for cotton and other commodities was volatile during 2008. At times, the basis in U.S. cotton futures was unusually high, affecting the role of the futures market in the U.S. cotton system.

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: 2/13/2009 End: Completed: 6/25/2009

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

