

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Price Volatility in Afghanistan's Wheat Market

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: The report examines Afghanistan's wheat market and its reliance on Pakistan for imported wheat flour. Afghanistan's food supply network broke down in 2008 due to a confluence of events, including shortfalls in Pakistani and Afghan wheat production, severe spikes in global agricultural commodity prices, as well as Pakistan's bans on wheat and flour exports.

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: 10/06/09 End: Completed: 03/02/10

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.

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

