

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Changes in Manure Management in the Hog Sector: 1998-2004
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) EIB
 Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: Economic competition has driven rapid changes in the hog industry: production has shifted regionally and to larger operations that increasingly specialize in a single phase of hog production and are organized under production contracts. At the same time, recent changes to the Clean Water Act, State regulations, and local conflicts over odor are requiring producers to alter their manure management decisions. This report uses survey data from 1998 and 2004 to document the current State of manure management and provide information about producers' emerging responses to existing and anticipated manure-related regulations. Because larger animals produce more manure, animal units (1,000 pounds of live animal weight) are used to compare farms that produce livestock at different stages of the animal lifecycle.

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: Panel Review Individual Reviewers
 Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/10/08 End: 10/29/08 Completed: 12/11/08

Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No