

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Processing Meat and Poultry for Local Markets: From Convenience to Commitment

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

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

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Subject of Review: Consumer demand for local meat and poultry has risen in recent years. Bringing local meat and poultry to market requires access to appropriate processing facilities. Concerns are that limited processing infrastructure exists, restricting the supply of local meat and poultry. Existing local, typically small, processors often lack the steady, consistent business they need to be profitable. This report uses findings from case studies, supplemented with background research and plant-level data, to describe the situations that characterize and support local markets for meat and poultry. This study is useful for understanding local markets for meat and poultry, how market functioning can be improved, and how local markets can be expanded.

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 [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 08/16/12 End: 01/10/13 Completed: 01/10/13

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

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

