Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Growth and Evolution in China's Agricultural Support Policies

Type of Report   ERR
(ERR, EIB, EB)

                                      [X]   Influential Scientific Information

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

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Subject of Review: China is perhaps the most prominent example of a developing country that has transitioned from taxing agriculture to supporting it. Chinese authorities are struggling to provide income support to small farmers through a massive program of small, diffused direct payments. Officials view the support as a means of maintaining food security and engineering modernization of the agricultural sector. The study is based on an extensive review and synthesis of Chinese documents, books, research studies and other literature that are not accessible to English-speaking audiences. The study analyzed data on financial expenditures, village lists of subsidy recipients and other reports by local officials, and survey reports.

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: 08/30/12   End: 04/26/13   Completed: 04/26/13

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