

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Structural Changes in Mexico Beef Cattle Industry: Implications for the U.S. Beef Industry

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) SOR

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

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Subject of Review: Mexico is rapidly becoming a major North American cattle-feeding region and source of U.S. beef exports. The increasing number and size of feedlots and quantities of beef produced in Mexico is shifting Mexico's traditional role of providing grass fed beef for domestic consumers and supplying light-weight feeder cattle to the U.S. toward a more vertically integrated Mexican cattle and beef industry. The continued growth and development in cattle feeding, cattle slaughter, and beef processing in Mexico to meet growing domestic and export demand for beef finished in Mexican feedlots could result in reductions in live cattle exports from Mexico, possibly reducing U.S. feeder cattle supplies and increasing U.S. competition in international beef markets.

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: 07/30/15 End: 03/18/16 Completed: 03/18/16

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



