

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Global Macroeconomic Developments Drive Downturn in U.S. Agricultural Trade

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: Growth in global and U.S. agricultural exports is tied closely to rising incomes in developing country markets and to the value of the dollar relative to the currencies of U.S. markets and competitors. During the period from late 2014 to early 2016, the macroeconomic outlook changed considerably, with the realization of sharply slower global income growth, lower energy prices, and strong appreciation in the value of the U.S. dollar. This report examines how these changes in the macroeconomic outlook effect USDA projections for agricultural commodity markets and 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: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers
[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/21/16 End: 04/26/16 Completed: 04/26/16

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

