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Crop Situation Update

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Report Highlights:

Bosnia & Herzegovina's (BiH's) 2012/2013 wheat area is approximately 62,000 HA and total estimated production is 208,000 MT. Planted area for 2013/2014 is expected to remain unchanged.

Estimated 2013/2014 corn area is 176,000 hectares and estimated production is expected to be 720,000 MT. 2013/2014 corn area declined 10 percent from the previous year, because of the severe summer drought and the high cost of inputs.

General Information:**Wheat and Corn**

Bosnia & Herzegovina's (BiH's) 2012/2013 wheat area is approximately 62,000 HA. Thus, with an average yield of 3.7 MT/HA, total estimated production is 208,000 MT. Planted area for 2013/2014 is expected to remain unchanged.

Estimated 2013/2014 corn area is 176,000 hectares. Thus, with an average yield of 4.5 MT/HA, total estimated production is expected to be 720,000 MT. 2013/2014 corn area declined 10 percent from the previous year, because of the severe summer drought and the high cost of inputs. In order to assist farmers with the Spring sowing, the Republika Srpska (one of BiH's two Entities) is offering approximately 10 million liters of tax-free diesel valued at \$4.8 million (KM 7.2 million) at subsidized rates. Crop producers will be entitled to 50 liters per hectare at a price that is \$0.40 (KM 0.60) less per liter than the market rate. The Federation of BiH (another Entity) has not proposed any program to support its farmers with sowing costs.