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Report Highlights:

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According to the Republika Srpska Agricultural Ministry, the 2005/2006 area is expected to increase by approximately 10,000 ha because farmers will most likely receive governmental support in the form of free wheat seeds. (For more information on agricultural support, tariffs, and grain trade, please see GAIN report #BK 5004).

¹ Under the Dayton Peace Agreement, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is divided into two Entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) and Republika Srpska (RS). The Entities are responsible for agricultural and food issues, and there is no national-level agricultural ministry/department.