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**MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Difenconazole Percent Wheat Treated

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**COMMERCIAL/FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED**

Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. has submitted estimates of percent of wheat acres treated with difenconazole, indicating that approximately [REDACTED] of the national acreage planted annually to wheat for seed treatment is treated with difenconazole. Pioneer thus confirms Novartis estimates early in January of roughly the same annual percentage of seed acres treated over the last few years; and also the data that Novartis submitted last December for difenconazole on wheat in 1998. Novartis's figures of wheat acres treated with difenconazole are based on confidential sales data of lbs. a.i. of difenconazole, divided by the application rate of lbs. a.i. of difenconazole per acre of treated wheat. USDA annually publishes national acres planted to wheat. BEAD in-house databases for fungicide use on treated seeds do not list difenconazole. If you need any further information, please contact Frank Hernandez (703-308-8188).