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Subject: European system of market management and distortions in the farming sector

Various sectors of agricultural production have been suffering from serious market distortions, which are now being exacerbated by the Russian blockade affecting the EU since last August. Furthermore, it is likely that other crops due to be harvested in the near future, such as citrus fruits and tomatoes, will also be affected.

Many farming bodies have complained that the market management measures have been activated too late, that they have been insufficient and that they do not benefit producers, who unfortunately are not seeing any positive direct effects resulting from their application. This situation is not new and seems to get worse with every fresh crisis that arises.

What is the Commission's assessment of the current system of market management, its effectiveness, particularly when serious market distortions occur, and its impact on farmers?