

**Question for written answer E-000086/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: The growing gap between farmgate and consumer prices of food

The difference between what European consumers pay for the food and farm products that they buy and what the producers receive for them is steadily rising in Europe.

According to the latest figures available, in Spain, in November 2014, the Index of Farmgate and Consumer Prices of foodstuffs increased by five times, taking into account what farmers and livestock breeders received and what end consumers paid. A totally disproportionate margin, that in some cases, e.g. potatoes, leads to the price being multiplied by 11.

This gives rise to a situation that is unfair for both producers and consumers, and needs to be addressed so as to avoid abuse.

1. What figures does the Commission have on the farmgate-retail price margin at EU level?
2. What tools does the Commission have to tackle this type of situation?
3. What policies is the Commission considering in this new phase to put an end to this situation, which is just becoming more acute as time goes by?