

**Question for written answer E-000664/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU increasingly dependent on food imports

An article in the 7 January 2015 issue of the Austrian newspaper *Der Standard* stated that the EU is becoming steadily more dependent on food imports. This state of affairs is not just problematical in itself; it is also linked to the dispossession of indigenous peoples in the form of land grabbing, the destruction of ecosystems and the weakening of the economic fabric of local societies.

1. Does the Commission see this problem as a further argument in favour of supporting the EU farming industry?
2. What steps does it plan to take to alleviate the impact of land grabbing?
3. Does it see any scope for EU measures to regulate soil sealing, which is generally regarded as one of the main reasons for the decrease in the area of farmland available in the EU?