

**Question for written answer E-004592/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures concerning the decline of the EU poultry sector

The EU has been introducing global cutbacks to the supply of poultry, as a result of numerous farm closures in the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium.

There are now only 5 000 farms in Spain compared with 8 800 in 2011, and this decrease has resulted principally from prices being reduced to the point that they are now lower than production costs. This phenomenon has had a particular impact on large farms in the regions of Andalusia, Murcia and Galicia and the Autonomous Community of Valencia.

The poultry sector is currently experiencing ongoing price decreases imposed by the major distributors. Over the past four years production costs have remained at EUR 2.7 per kilo, but sales prices rarely exceed EUR 2.3 per kilo and have levelled out at between EUR 2.15 and EUR 2.20 per kilo.

1. Could the Commission provide details of the socio-economic developments in the EU poultry sector, country by country, for the last four years?
2. What action has the Commission taken or planned to take to counteract the current situation of dumping?
3. What are the Commission's future plans for this sector?