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Subject: Lack of support from the CAP for French farmers

Many sectors of French agriculture are affected by crisis, a situation sometimes aggravated by the decisions of the European Union as has recently been the case for the organic sector. Indeed, due to a lack of EU funding, the French government has removed, in the first instance, the last 25 % of the financial assistance provided in recognition of the environmental benefits of organic farming. The situation is the same for the pig, fruit and vegetable, and milk industries. All these sectors are having to accept emergency support from the French government. In view of the increase in emergency support being provided by the French government, the CAP does not appear to be fulfilling its role in supporting farmers.

1. Is the CAP therefore still of any use?
2. Has the time not come to restore full sovereignty to the Member States who could then have a decision-making role and no longer simply a rescue role in extremis?