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to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to combat the ageing of the farming population

A recent Eurostat study has once more focused attention on the ageing of Europe's farming population, revealing that, in 2010, some 3.6 million out of a total of 12.2 million farmers (30%) were aged over 65, while only 7.6% of farms were run by a person under 35 years of age.

Although this has, for a number of years, been a matter of great concern to the EU and has now been made a priority under the new CAP, it is necessary to assess the true effectiveness of the measures being taken to remedy the problem.

In view of this:

Has the Commission sought to fully establish the effectiveness of the measures adopted to alleviate the problem of the EU's ageing farming population?

Does it know which measures are in fact proving effective and which need to be modified or abandoned?

What fresh recommendations is it making in response to this challenge?