

**Question for written answer E-011515/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to combat aging in the agricultural sector

A recent study by Eurostat has once again raised the issue of aging that is prevalent in the European agricultural sector. Of the 12.2 million farmers in 2010, 3.6 million were aged over 65, which equates to 3 in 10. Only 7.5 % of farms had managers aged under 35.

Although the EU has been concerned about this issue for years and it is one of the priorities of the new CAP, it is necessary to analyse whether the measures that were approved are contributing to alleviate this situation.

1. Has the Commission carried out any complete assessment of whether or not the measures adopted are working to slow down this aging within the EU agricultural sector?
2. Is it known which measures work and which ones need amending or removing?
3. What new measures is the new Commission proposing to deal with this challenge?