

Question for written answer E-001563/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Farming crisis

Collapsing prices in the agricultural sector have hit European farmers particularly hard and are making it impossible for young farmers who have recently entered the industry to keep their heads above water.

Does the Commission intend to extend from two to five years the deadline by which anyone buying a farm must bring it into line with EU standards?

Is the Commission aware that in the current circumstances it will be difficult for young farmers to rigorously follow a business plan, and does it agree that this should therefore no longer be a prerequisite for receiving start-up aid?