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to the Commission**

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Subject: European agriculture - losses caused by Russian embargo

Right now, Belgian apple and peach producers are being forced to destroy 27 000 tonnes of their produce – roughly 4 percent of Belgium’s annual production of those fruits – after they were unable to sell them on the Russian market owing to the Russian embargo. Besides this, European agricultural production has suffered many other negative effects for the same reason.

Has the Commission assessed the magnitude of losses caused thus far to European agricultural production as a result of the tense relations with Russia, which have resulted in sanctions being imposed on Russia and in a Russian embargo on the importation of agricultural products from the EU?

If things do not change in 2017, what is the estimated annual magnitude of losses?