

**Question for written answer P-004122/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Emergency support for farmers affected by drought in Poland and other Member States

The lack of rain and the high temperatures which have affected the Member States, among them Poland, in recent months have led to a drastic deterioration in agricultural production conditions in those countries resulting in significant yield losses and a threat to liquidity for farms.

In the areas worst affected by the drought, farmers' income losses are so great and the economic situation of a large number of farms is so serious that without emergency support a large number of them might fail.

In Poland the drought has affected in particular the cultivation of spring and winter crops, leguminous plants, fruit and vegetables, and rapeseed. As a result of feed shortages, livestock production has also suffered.

Given the extremely difficult situation of farms in drought-affected areas, I would like to ask the following:

Will the Commission introduce emergency support for farmers who have suffered losses as a result of this year's drought in May and June?

In the light of the increasingly-frequent natural disasters resulting from, inter alia, climate change, does the Commission share the view that effective instruments for helping farmers who have to cope with their impact should be included in the CAP when it is reformed?

Does the Commission see a problem with low farmer incomes and increasing fragility, to which natural disasters are contributing?