

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2710/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Net import requirement for cereals

According to FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations) estimates, the net import requirement for cereals will rise to almost 200 m tonnes world-wide in 2015, and is even expected to climb to 270 m tonnes in 2030. Consequently, the European Union is likely to increase its net exports fourfold over the next 30 years, to more than 60 m tonnes.

1. Does the Commission agree with these estimates?
2. Can the European Union produce such a quantity of cereals at world market prices?
3. Does this not contradict the policy of growing more renewable raw materials instead of cereals?