

**Question for written answer E-011226/2013  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Agricultural policy

As a result of the difficult economic situation that Cyprus has faced over the past year, a number of citizens have begun looking for work in primary production, and more specifically in agriculture and livestock rearing.

1. Does the Commission intend to release more funds and subsidise more programmes in order to help these groups of people to make a new start and to establish new agricultural and livestock production units, and/or to strengthen existing units so that they can take on more unemployed people?
2. Does the Commission intend to give financial incentives to young scientists with skills related to this sector, so that they can get involved in agricultural and livestock production, including on an organic basis?