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to the Commission**
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Subject: Reduced impact of support measures for production losses for farmers

The EU instruments designed to help farmers' insure their income in the event of price drops and production losses have only partially achieved their objectives, with a low and uneven take-up. Furthermore, certain special measures have not been properly targeted, which can lead to disproportionate compensatory payments being made.

Most of the EUR 2.6 billion that the EU has granted farmers to help insure their incomes against price volatility and production losses has had little impact. That money is reaching only a very small percentage of farmers, with less than 10% of those who take out insurance doing so with EU support. The majority of farmers do not even consider protecting themselves against risks, as they expect in any case to receive substantial public support in the event of a crisis. Besides this, EU support is not targeted at those who really need it.

What instruments does the Commission have at its disposal to raise awareness among farmers of the importance of support measures for production losses, and how can greater interest in such support be encouraged?