

**Question for written answer E-006941/2020  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Effects of the pandemic on the food industry

According to a report by the European Commission, people in Romania are paying less for food in the current period than they were during the same period last year. In fact, that decrease has come at farmgate price level and not, unfortunately, at the level of the big retail chains. This means that it is still farmers who are the most vulnerable to bankruptcies.

Representatives of the Romanian Association of Dairy Industry Employers have indicated that, owing to the pandemic, the numbers of those unemployed could increase in the months to come, as will imports, at dumping prices, of cheap food products of dubious quality.

What tools does the Commission have at its disposal to support farmers badly affected by the pandemic?