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Subject: Severe impact of drought and floods on European wheat production

The global trade in wheat is being affected by the impact of extreme weather conditions on crops in the European Union, while in other parts of the world wheat crops are doing well. Drought and floods have affected wheat crops in the Community. Analysts estimate that in the European Union French wheat exports could halve this year because of a poor yield, even though better yields in Poland and the Baltic countries could reduce the EU deficit.

As far as Romania is concerned, the average wheat production this year was 2.9 tonnes per hectare, which is 40% lower than in 2019 when the rainfall pattern was normal. The drought has severely affected autumn crops, especially in the south-east and east of the country.

What measures can the Commission take to help European wheat farmers?