

**Question for written answer E-004253/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: The new Green Deal could lead to a 15% cut in agricultural production and higher prices

In the summer recess, the Joint Research Centre published a report¹ on the impact of the specific targets set by the Biodiversity and Farm to Fork strategies.

The study analysed all livestock sectors, forecasting falls in output of between 5% and 15% from current levels, with the livestock sectors being the worst hit. The decreases in production will lead to lower cereals, pork and poultry meat exports, and aggravate the EU's trade deficit for oilseeds, fruit and vegetables, beef and sheep- and goatmeat.

The two strategies could also cause production prices to rise by around 10%, thus reducing the incomes of both farmers and consumers.

This would lead to increased dependence on imports from third countries to meet EU citizens' food needs, meaning that whatever environmental benefits accrue from lower production in the EU would be offset by equivalent increases in emissions in third countries.

Given the findings of this study, can the Commission say:

1. whether it will pay attention to the study, drawn up by its own research body, and review its strategy?
2. how it intends to mitigate the price rises caused by the losses that farmers will incur as a result of this approach?

¹ <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC121368>