

**Question for written answer E-004466/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increase in production costs in the agri-food sector

Trends reported in EU countries show production costs have increased in the agri-food sector for energy, feed, fertilisers, construction materials and agricultural equipment. Most EU countries are also witnessing rising inflation.

More specifically, the price of feed has increased by 30% on average in the EU, while in some Member States energy prices have tripled. Most types of fertiliser have also increased in price, while growing shortages of construction materials have also led to higher prices.

These increases are a cause of concern to farmers and also to consumers, impacting vulnerable groups of consumers in particular. By contrast, the EU's new 'Farm to Fork' strategy is based on the principle of 'high-quality food at affordable prices'.

In view of the above:

1. What impact has the increase in production costs had on food shelf prices;
2. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that the public, and particularly vulnerable members of the public, have access to high-quality food at affordable prices?