

**Question for written answer E-004794/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU 'farm to fork' strategy

A report by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre is forecasting reductions in cereal, meat, vegetable and milk production by 15%, 14%, 12 % and 10% respectively as a result of the 'farm to fork' strategy. This, combined with higher domestic prices, would effectively undermine EU competitiveness and increase imports. Does the Commission consider it necessary to strike a balance between climate objectives and food security, not to mention the financial implications for consumers?

Will it seek to reconcile general objectives, such as a 50% reduction in the use of pesticides, with the specific farming requirements of individual Member States? Given the major disparities between the latter regarding current pesticide use, a flat-rate reduction thereof could, in certain cases have a serious impact on the agri-food sector, disproportionately penalising the abstemious while continuing to allow larger consumers considerable leeway.

Can the European Commission accordingly to review the 'farm to fork' strategy in the light of impact assessments, prioritising the interests of those affected rather than abstract objectives?