

**Question for written answer E-005667/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cow farmers in Romania bring in 18 times less revenue than their Danish counterparts

Cow farmers in Romania are highly dependent on the zootechnical coupled support scheme, which is currently the biggest available European subsidy for zootechnics. According to a study by the European Commission, a cow farmer in Romania earns 17 times less than a cow farmer in Denmark.

Romanian farmers have the lowest incomes of all Member States: EUR 5 176 per unit of annual work (the earnings of a full-time farm worker). While the zootechnical coupled support is a great help to farmers, the direct-from-farm Romanian milk prices are derisory in comparison with the produce of other Member States. Farms are very small (an average of 6 cows per farm) and the per-animal production is very low (3 645 kg per cow compared to an average of 7 390 kg).

What are the Commission's recommendations to Romanian authorities for strengthening our farmers' market position, in order to be both competitive and be paid appropriately?