

**Question for written answer E-005672/2021  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Livestock farmers at the limits of survival

The situation of livestock farmers in Romania has significantly worsened due to the recent, alarming increases in costs. Many livestock farmers are at risk of folding due to further price increases to electricity, fuel and fodder. Subsidies per animal remain at the same low level, while farm maintenance costs continue to rise.

Farmers highlight that a litre of cow's milk costs 1.20 to collect, while the price of fodder has tripled; cow carcasses in Romania are sold at 2 EUR/kg, while in countries such as France or Israel, they are twice the price. In these conditions, farmers can no longer survive on the market and are choosing to sell their herds and exit the livestock sector.

What support instruments can the Commission make available to farmers, to help them survive on the market and guarantee them a reasonable and stable income for doing so?