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The new European Model of Agriculture is viewed by Washington as incompatible with its own agri-food system, from which it would like to export to Europeans. The Americans argue that this incompatibility will raise food prices and force non-EU states to conform. The divergence of views on what constitutes sustainable agriculture is a threat to transatlantic trade, worth tens of billions of euro each year. It also hampers efforts to stop global warming through cooperation between food supply chains, which are responsible for over a third of greenhouse gas emissions.

Two of the Farm to Fork objectives are to halve the use of pesticides by 2030 and to ensure that one quarter of European farmland is used for organic farming. Washington believes that this will have a negative impact. The US Department of Agriculture has published an economic forecast stating that if all countries were to follow the European model, global food production would fall by 11% and that prices would increase by 89%.

How will the Commission respond to the USA's position on the dangers of the Green Deal for the global food system?