

**Question for written answer E-005678/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Romania, 2020: the most significant decrease in agricultural production output value recorded in the EU.

According to Eurostat, in 2020, 11 EU Member States recorded a decrease in their agricultural production output, with Romania suffering the largest. The overall output value of European agricultural production was EUR 414.1 billion, 1% less than in 2019. The crop production output of the European bloc recorded 1% decrease in value, while animal production decreased by 1.1%.

In 2019, Romania was in seventh place among the top European agricultural producers, with an overall production value of EUR 19 billion, i.e. 5% of overall European production. Romania recorded a decrease of 11.3%, followed by Malta and Bulgaria, which both recorded a 4.5% decrease, then Finland, Hungary and the Netherlands, which all suffered a decrease of under 4%.

What assessments did the Commission carry out or does it intend to carry out to ascertain the reasons for the production decrease in these 11 states, and what instruments can be used to remedy the problems identified?