

**Question for written answer E-000741/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Meeting the legitimate demands of struggling farmers and stockbreeders

Agricultural associations and federations are struggling to deal with mounting problems in the face of New Democracy government restrictions. Farmers are being progressively ground down by excessive and constantly spiralling production costs, increases in the price of essential items and massive electricity and fuel bills. The cost of electricity for irrigation purposes has recently shot up with the introduction of the 'Supply Charges Adjustment Clause'.

In the meantime, the New Democracy government, like its SYRIZA and PASOK-KINAL predecessors, is turning a deaf ear to the legitimate demands of Greek farmers and stockbreeders, seeking to trivialise their problems. The farmers are seeking:

the abolition of the power supply adjustment clause, tax-free oil, subsidised fertiliser and animal feed and VAT exemption for equipment and supplies to offset high production costs;

provision of all necessary infrastructures to protect against natural disasters and amendment of Agricultural Insurance Regulation to provide 100% insurance cover and full compensation for damage to production and assets;

minimum guaranteed prices that reflect production costs and provide farmers with a livelihood.

In view of this:

Can the Commission give its opinion regarding the necessary and urgent measures being sought by struggling Greek farmers who now find themselves with their backs to the wall?