

**Question for written answer E-001837/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Highest global food price index

In early February, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations published its global food price index which, after January's recovery, remained at its highest level in a decade. The index stood at 135.7 points in January, compared with 134.1 in December. What is more, rising fertiliser and electricity prices have also fuelled concern as to where prices will stand in 2023.

The Food Price Index published by the FAO is that organisation's own indicator, and measures price changes for a basket of foods consisting of cereal, dairy, meat, sugar and vegetable oil products. According to the FAO, the underlying cause of this general price increase, and a major spur to inflation, has been the rise in vegetable oil prices, which increased by 4.2% in January alone.

To what extent will the Commission intervene to ensure that foods such as dairy, cereal and meat products remain affordable for all sectors of society in the European Union?