

**Question for written answer E-003217/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Strained agricultural markets and potential shortages: is the agroecological strategy still viable?

In March, the Commission published a document¹ which advocates, among other things, the further development of organic food production and agroecology, in line with an earlier communication setting out the Farm to Fork Strategy². The latter has been strongly criticised by many scientific bodies as amounting to a case of irrational ideological overreach.

A study carried out by the Commission's own research body, the Joint Research Centre³, estimated that the Farm to Fork Strategy would lead to an overall reduction in agricultural yields of 10-15%, while at the same time calling for the 'greening' of less productive land. This shortfall in yields will have to be compensated for by a significant increase in imports, particularly from developing countries, which could themselves also face food shortages.

Does the Commission believe that this strategy is still viable at a time when the war in Ukraine and climatic conditions, combined with the population explosion in the countries of the South, are leading to soaring prices, food shortages and major strains on world agricultural markets?

¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-03/safeguarding-food-security-reinforcing-resilience-food-systems_0.pdf

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52020DC0381>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/LSU/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0381>