

**Question for written answer E-003638/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Romania now imports more milk than it produces

Over the first five months of 2022, Romania imported 70 434 tonnes of milk, compared with 60 860 tonnes over the same period the previous year (2021), representing an increase of 16%. At the same time, according to the National Institute of Statistics, milk quantities supplied by local farmers over this period decreased by 4.3% compared with the same period in 2021. The company HOLSTEIN RO highlights the reality that Romania is currently experiencing an annual deficit of 700 000 tonnes of milk, which could be resolved by breeding dairy cattle with a longer productive lifespan on Romanian farms.

What strategies does the Commission propose in order to help Romanian farmers raise and rear dairy cattle that have a longer productive lifespan with a view to reducing milk imports and increasing the local supply?

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