

**Question for written answer E-003641/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Alarming increases in agricultural production costs

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is having a devastating impact on the EU agricultural markets. The sudden increase in the price of key agricultural products is one of the many negative effects of the war, with Romania becoming the second-most affected country in the EU in terms of escalating prices.

In the first quarter of 2022, the average price of goods and services consumed in agriculture (i.e. not related to investment) increased by 9.5% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021. This price increase is the result of rising costs in the production of fertilisers and soil improvers (up by 21.2%); energy and lubricants (17.4%); and animal feedstuffs (9.2%); meanwhile, the average price of agricultural products as a whole increased by 6%.

The average price of agricultural output increased by 19.9% for the EU between Q1 2022 and Q1 2021. There were particularly strong increases in the price of cereals (up by 41.5% on average), oilseeds (up by 51.7%), cattle (24.2%), poultry (22.2%) and milk (21.4%).

Is the Commission considering any urgent short-term measures as well as a long-term plan to stabilise these prices?

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