

**Question for written answer E-000830/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Appeal from the Świętokrzyskie Provincial Assembly concerning the massive influx of grain from Ukraine into Poland

The Świętokrzyskie Provincial Assembly has sent an appeal to the Commission in which it indicates the very difficult situation facing Polish grain producers. The suspension of food trade restrictions and the creation of solidarity lanes facilitating the export of products from Ukraine to the EU have disrupted the Polish market.

Farmers were assured that Poland would only be a transit country for Ukrainian grain, which would ultimately be destined for countries facing a grain deficit. The idea was to create solidarity lanes.

In practice, Ukrainian agricultural products have been remaining in Poland. Grain from Ukraine has filled the warehouses of buyers and feed companies. In addition, illegal activities by operators taking advantage of the opening of the border to Ukrainian raw materials have resulted in the uncontrolled influx of grain of unknown quality, which is mixed with Polish grain and marketed as a product of Polish origin.

This has resulted in the Polish market being saturated with much cheaper raw materials, which makes it difficult to sell produce and leads to the undercutting of prices, which are on the verge of viability.

In addition, the use of grain that does not meet the minimum quality requirements and standards that apply in the EU poses a threat to consumer health and food security.

In this connection:

1. Is the Commission analysing the impact of the influx of grain from Ukraine into the EU on prices in individual countries, including Poland?
2. In view of the problems described above, what steps does the Commission plan to take to stabilise the situation on the grain market?

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