

**Question for written answer E-002312/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Culling of cows and restriction of livestock farming in the EU

Ireland's Department of Agriculture has proposed to kill 200 000 cows to combat climate change and meet the EU's climate objectives. Some supporters of this proposal liken farms to factories. The Dutch Government also considered a plan to reduce nitrogen pollution caused by the manure of the 100 million animals on the country's farms. The 'memorandum for rural areas' estimated that the number of cattle, pigs and hens needs to be reduced by a third.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission support such plans to cull animals to meet the climate objectives?
2. Has it called on the Member States to restrict livestock farming?
3. Does it consider the reduction of livestock emissions a priority and what action will be taken to achieve this goal?

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