

**Question for written answer E-000081/2024  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Agricultural and livestock sector and several municipalities in Andalusia in crisis as a result of drought

According to the State Meteorological Agency, Andalusia has been experiencing drought conditions for over 94 months. The autonomous community is in the 4 % of territory covered by a European Drought Observatory alert, and experienced its highest ever recorded mean temperature in 2023. More than 200 city councils have put measures in place to restrict the use of water, affecting 5 million people.

The agricultural and livestock sector, which makes up 25 % of Andalusia's GDP and provides 10 % of jobs there, has suffered the most from the drought. Businesses are being forced to change what they are growing or to slaughter cattle. Farmer and livestock breeder representatives believe that 2023 was the worst agricultural year in a century. This crisis is causing job losses, price hikes and food insecurity. In light of the above:

1. What programmes will the Commission implement, under or separate to the CAP, to support the sector so that Andalusia does not experience food insecurity?
2. What should the Spanish Government do to help the Regional Government of Andalusia or local authorities support Andalusian SMEs in the agricultural and livestock sector?

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