

Question for written answer E-000105/2024
to the Commission
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Subject: Romanian farmers' unhappiness with cereal crop prices

Romanian farmers with large farm holdings are unhappy at cereal crop prices, especially for wheat, on the local market. Global factors are making the socio-economic situation more complex, meaning that many farmers face financial difficulties, including the risk of bankruptcy.

A growing number of farmers are forfeiting their farms as they are unable to pay their debts. Experienced farmers consider that, in order for farmers to derive any real benefit, the price per kilogram of wheat should exceed RON 1 (EUR 0,20), when it currently stands at RON 0,95 (EUR 0,19). Even that price offers little support for farmers, as production costs per hectare have increased significantly and cereal crops from Ukraine come at very low prices since fungicides, pesticides, insecticides, fertilisers and diesel cost much less than they do in the European Union.

Bearing these circumstances in mind, and in order to address these challenges, farmers need to seek support from government authorities and agricultural organisations.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission whether it has given consideration to the difficulties being faced by these farmers and whether it is considering a plan to mitigate these difficulties?

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