

**Question for written answer E-000106/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Family-run farms

Family farms dominate EU agriculture in terms of farm numbers, their contribution to agricultural employment and, to a lesser extent, the surface area being farmed and the production value they generate.

Almost six out of ten farms (around 57%) are run by the owner and family members alone. In another 36% of farms, family members made up at least 50% of the total workforce. Family farms accounted for the largest share of the agricultural surface area in 2020 (around 61% of the 157.4 million hectares used), the majority of the total agricultural labour force (almost 78%), more than half of all livestock farms (almost 55%) and more than half of the standard agricultural output (around 56%).

However, without the necessary support, these farms are liable to disappear, since new generations are not interested in careers in agriculture. Between 2005 and 2020 over 37% of farms have disappeared, and that decline unless we come up with viable solutions.

1. What specific measures and initiatives is the Commission considering to support family farms in the future?
2. How effective are the current strategies for attracting young people into agriculture?

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