

**Question for written answer E-000177/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Crisis in the EU agricultural sector

European farmers are having to endure, on the one hand, the financial burden of achieving the climate targets to which the EU has committed itself (involving cutting emissions, water and soil consumption, thus reducing the agricultural output) and, on the other hand, the pressure from rising production costs, unfair competition from imports from non-EU countries, red tape, pest infestations and a drop in agricultural subsidies.

This is a direct call on the Commission to defend the food production sector, which has always been considered strategic for the social and economic viability of the EU, and to respond to the hundreds of thousands of farmers protesting in various Member States.

To avoid the gradual impoverishment of European farmers, which in the medium term would lead to a slump in production, an increase in dependence on raw food materials from abroad and the loss of the high quality and safety standards which the EU's Common Agricultural Policy has ensured for decades, can the Commission say what concrete measures it intends to take to alleviate the costs of the energy transition and emissions reduction in the agricultural sector?

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