

ORAL QUESTION H-0023/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Catastrophic impact of the commercial crisis on farming households

Implementation of the rules adopted in the wake of the mid-term review to individual products has led to a collapse of prices so that they no longer even cover production costs. For instance, the price of durum wheat fell from 0.50 euros a kilo in 2007 to 0.30 euros in 2008; the price of cotton fell from 0.40 to 0.20 euros a kilo and the price of olive oil fell from 3.5 euros a kilo to 2.4 euros a kilo over the same period.

Since these reductions mean that most Greek farming households are facing bankruptcy, is the Commission thinking of taking measures to tackle the catastrophic impact of the commercial crisis? If so, what measures does it envisage?

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