

**Question for oral answer O-000012/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Addressing farm safety in the EU

The most recent data from Eurostat show that in 2015 over 500 fatal accidents occurred in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Farming remains a dangerous occupation despite actions at EU level addressing safety at work such as the Safety and Health at Work Directive (89/391/EEC).

Lack of funding for farm safety schemes has been cited as a barrier to improving the situation. Moreover, there is a need to address the issue of the health and wellbeing of farmers at EU level.

What action could be taken to measure the incidence and reduce the unacceptably high level of accidents and fatalities on European farms?

Does the Commission see the need for a Europe-wide focus on the issue of farm accidents and farm safety, in particular with the introduction of options for Member States to fund farm safety schemes in the context of the next CAP reform?

Is the Commission concerned that low farm incomes and relentless pressure on farmers in the food supply chain may contribute to the unacceptable level of farm accidents?

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