

**Question for written answer P-011660/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Crisis on Poland's blackcurrant and soft-fruit market

Desperate blackcurrant and soft-fruit producers in Poland have alerted us to the fact that the price of their produce has fallen drastically this season, as it did last year. The current prices paid to blackcurrant producers in Poland do not even cover half the real cost of production, and growers are incurring huge losses which put their livelihoods at risk.

The situation is being further aggravated by the ongoing Russian embargo which, though political in nature, hits farmers and growers worse than anybody else.

This year's blackcurrant and soft-fruit harvest has already passed. What can the Commission do to support producers and compensate them for the losses they have already incurred?

How will the Commission act more quickly to avert similar crises in future?

Will the Commission make changes to the planned support mechanism for producers affected by the Russian embargo, which is due to be rolled out on 1 August 2015, taking into account the latest information?

Farmers are hoping to see real solutions to their difficult situation.