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to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact of the Ukraine crisis on Europe's agricultural sector

From the aspect of European food production, Ukraine has occupied a significant role in Europe's cereals market. It has been called the granary of Europe. Furthermore, a great many raw materials for the production of food oils, for example, have been imported into Europe from Ukraine. In addition to raw materials, Ukraine has provided a considerable seasonal workforce for European farms. The EU needs to present a strong and unified sanctions front. Russia's shocking and reprehensible attack on Ukraine will have an impact on European producers as well as consumers. Russia's counter-sanctions may target the agricultural sector, since (depending on the Member State in question) trade relations with Russia may well have been significant.

1. Has the Commission made preparations for a possible shortage in the case of raw cereals and other raw materials for animal feed, and from where will substitute products be imported, whilst guaranteeing European production criteria?
2. What measures are we prepared to take in order to make the seasonal workforce available for European farms, so that security of supply can be safeguarded in the short and long term?
3. How does the Commission see the impact of possible counter-sanctions on Europe's agriculture and its security of supply?