

**Question for written answer E-002211/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Drought in Greece

Drought in Greece has worsened significantly, with recent figures showing that reservoir water levels have dropped by more than 30 %. In some parts of the country there has been no rainfall since the start of the year. In North Greece, for instance, notably in the municipalities of Nestos and Doxato as well as others, corn production had fluctuated between 1 300 and 1 800 kilos per 0.1 hectares, but this year it did not exceed 400 to 700 kilos per 0.1 hectare. Producers are estimated to have made losses of between 40 % and 70 %.

Drought is putting additional pressure on the already expensive factors of production. Pastures are scarce too, forcing livestock farmers to sell their animals, since they are no longer able to feed them. This situation is causing farmers to quit livestock farming, which is in turn heightening the risk of desertification and fires.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

What forms of compensation can be given to corn producers affected by drought, who are seeing their income drop sharply this year?

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