

**Question for written answer E-002526/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Ukrainian farmland increasingly US-owned

According to several disquieting reports, mainly US but also Saudi agro-industrial and investment businesses are purchasing Ukrainian farmland on a massive scale. Cargill, ADM, Blackrock, Oaktree Capital Management and Bunge Limited, for instance, have reportedly gained control over much of Ukraine's farmland.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the impact of this sell-off of European farmland to multinationals serving only US interests on EU strategic food-supply dependence? How does the Commission intend to address that impact?
2. This strongly suggests that the United States is seeking to recoup its military support for Ukraine, and ensure a geopolitical presence there in a post-war scenario, through control over Ukrainian farmland and the profits it generates. How does the Commission intend to prevent the United States from cherry-picking in Ukraine and Europe from being left to deal with just the handicaps?

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