

**Question for written answer E-002527/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Food stocks in the EU

In an increasingly unstable international context, it is important that Member States should have sufficient stocks of essential food. China reportedly has 18 months' worth of food stocks, which, as a matter of fact, is indicative of a war economy. During the last legislative term, the Commission President did say that the EU needed to turn its economy into a war economy; in practice, however, the focus has turned out to be on munitions and weapons production. The question is: what is the position regarding food stocks within the EU?

1. Does the Commission keep records of food stocks within the EU and, if so, how many months of food stocks does the EU have?
2. For how many months should the EU be food-autonomous?

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