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to the Commission**
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Subject: European Commission measures to support farmers with low yields due to extreme weather events

The floods in Thessaly, along with drought and very high temperatures in other areas, have had a dramatic impact on primary production.

Specifically, there were significantly lower yields of basic agricultural commodities such as cereals, corn, cotton, olives, fruit and grapes compared to previous years.

This threatens farmers' income and the economic viability of areas such as Thessaly that are reliant on the rural economy. It also poses a risk to food security in the EU.

The common agricultural policy includes provisions and resources to address extreme adverse weather events or sudden and unforeseen risks. However, these resources are insufficient to deal with increasingly frequent extreme weather events and their effects on production. Immediate and medium-term measures are therefore imperative in order to provide meaningful support and relief to the farmers affected.

In view of the above:

1. What will the Commission do to support agricultural income in the short term and address the economic damage caused to the region by such events? Will it announce an emergency support package?
2. Is it considering the possibility of bolstering the agricultural reserve and creating a new fund dedicated exclusively to covering production losses caused by the climate crisis?

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