

Question for written answer E-001030/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: Struggling farmers and livestock breeders

Farmers, livestock breeders and bee-keepers are battling hard to make a living.

The CAP, which governments have co-decided and implemented over time, favours cartels that buy farmers' products at 'open' prices. Struggling farmers demand immediate support for their shrinking income. The Government's much-advertised reduction in VAT to 6 % on agricultural supplies is of no benefit to farmers, as it has no impact on reducing production costs since, as intermediaries who sell products at 13 % VAT, they are forced to pay the VAT difference to the revenue office.

In light of the above:

1. What is the Commission's position on the acute problems faced by struggling farmers, livestock breeders and bee-keepers in Greece, which are caused by the policy in place – with the CAP at the centre – and which are leading them down the path of hardship?
2. What is the Commission's position on the demands of agricultural producers for the replacement of lost income due to reduced production and low prices; the reduction of production costs by means of tax-free petrol at the pump, cheap electricity and water, and subsidies for fertilizers, agricultural supplies and animal feed; compensation of 100 % of losses; state-guaranteed prices for farmers and a ceiling on supermarket prices; the implementation of all necessary infrastructure projects; measures against 'hellenization'; the linking of the subsidy to real agricultural production and the actual livestock count; the taking all necessary measures to control animal diseases and an increase in farmworkers' pensions?

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