

Question for written answer E-003444/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Decline in demand for agricultural machinery in the EU

Demand for agricultural machinery in the EU has decreased significantly, which has affected both the manufacturers and distributors of such equipment¹. There has been a significant drop in sales of tractors and other specialised machinery, which is liable to impact the modernisation of farms and hence the sustainability and productivity of European agriculture. This trend could be ascribable to high costs, economic uncertainties and the lack of targeted support schemes for technology purchases. There is therefore a risk that small and medium-sized farms will become more poorly equipped than others with machinery that is efficient and sustainable, and this will affect their long-term competitiveness.

1. What measures will the Commission bring forward to boost demand for agricultural machinery and help farmers to purchase modern, efficient and sustainable equipment, thereby maintaining the performance levels and competitiveness of the farming industry as a whole?
2. How is the Commission encouraging the Member States and its farmers to promote and implement schemes for the joint purchase and use of agricultural machinery, so as to guarantee fairer access to that machinery for all farmers regardless of farm size or income, hence helping to increase the resilience, attractiveness and competitiveness of the farming industry and ensure a more effective use of the financing allocated for such machinery?

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¹ <https://www.agro.basf.ro/ro/stiri/stirile-saptamanii/scadere-cerere-utilaje-agricole-ue-2025.html>