

Question for written answer E-004427/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Downward trend in European agri-food trade

Although the prices of imported agri-food products have risen significantly over the last few months, Commission figures show that EU exports remain strong, and the balance of trade in the agri-food sector continues to be in surplus. However, the surplus for the first six months of 2025 is significantly lower by comparison with the same period last year, which raises questions about sustainability and competitiveness in the medium term.

In addition, the balance of trade in agri-food products fell from EUR 70.1 billion in 2023 to EUR 63.3 billion in 2024. This drop of EUR 6.5 billion is worrying, as the EU has gradually become Ukraine's biggest trading partner, filling the gap left by Russian products.

1. What is causing the downward trend in the balance of agri-food trade, and how can it be reversed?
2. Between January and June, cumulative imports reached EUR 96.8 billion – an increase of EUR 13.5 billion (+16 %) in 2025 compared with the same period last year. Was this rise in imports necessary to guarantee our food security?
3. What measures is the Commission considering to strengthen the competitiveness of producers and agri-food exports, in the context of the problems described above?

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