

**Question for written answer E-004657/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: The silent decline of livestock farming in Greece and the need to review the common agricultural policy

Between 2005 and 2020, the number of farms in the EU decreased by 37 %, while in Greece more than 300 000 farms were lost. In 2024, the EU cattle population decreased by 2.8 %, sheep by 1.7 % and goats by 1.6 %, with Greece particularly affected by zoonotic diseases – such as pox, which resulted in the killing of 185 110 sheep and goats in in 2024 and 2025.

This decline is increasing dependency on imports, undermining food sovereignty and increasing the environmental footprint. The policies of the European Green Deal and the farm to fork strategy are exacerbating the problem, due to high production costs and bureaucratic hurdles for small farms.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What specific measures will it take to address the decline in livestock populations in Greece and to strengthen extensive livestock farming, especially in view of the new CAP post-2027?
2. Will it review the policies of the Green Deal to strike a balance between environmental criteria and economic sustainability for small farmers, reducing red tape and improving compensation for zoonotic diseases?

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