

**Question for written answer E-001984/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Farmers' incomes and imbalances in the food supply chain

European farmers are continuing to see their incomes severely squeezed by rising production costs, inflation and their unequal footing in the food supply chain.

At the same time, many large retail chains and intermediaries are making considerable profits, while farmers are often being forced to sell their products at less than cost price. This has created the risk of bankruptcies, a drop in internal production and heightened food insecurity in the EU.

1. What steps will the Commission take to ensure a fairer distribution of added value throughout the food supply chain and to protect farmers' incomes?
2. Is the Commission considering introducing tighter checks on unfair trading practices, binding minimum standards for agreements between producers and retail chains, and new mechanisms for transparency in the setting of food prices?
3. How does the Commission view the impact of inflation and rising production costs on the competitiveness of European agriculture, and is it planning to take exceptional support measures for that sector in 2026?

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