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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plan 2023-2027 (CSP) for Greece¹ supports livestock production notably via coupled support but also for environmental management of livestock systems, animal welfare, reducing the use of antibiotics in sheep and goat farming, investments in biosecurity and in restoring the agricultural potential.

The Commission's new CAP post-2027 proposal² offers Member States significant flexibility to design targeted income support that meets the specific needs of their farmers and territories.

The CAP proposal makes risk management schemes more flexible and reinforces the crisis intervention covering animal diseases.

The Vision for Agriculture and Food recognizes the environmental benefits of extensive livestock systems and calls for ways to support them. The Commission's new CAP post-2027 proposal aims at rendering more targeted environmental obligations, and at allowing to enhance support for the livestock sector's competitiveness and sustainability. The proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security³ increases maximum spending for coupled income support from 13% to 20%, with an additional 5% possible for sectors and regions that need it most. Payment would be possible for grass production in addition to protein crops that help livestock farms. Farming in areas with specific constraints would also be supported.

Already in 2026 the recently agreed simplification⁴ in the second CAP package reduces administrative burden of at least EUR 1,6 bn per year for farmers⁵.

¹ <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0560&qid=1753798247771>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0565&qid=1753801752960>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32025R2649>.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025SC0236>.