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on behalf of the European Commission
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Information about beneficiaries of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is made public by Member States as required by the Regulation (EU) 2021/2116¹. The identification of ultimate beneficial owners is not required by the Regulation.

For programmes adopted under and financed from the proposed multiannual financial framework 2028-2034, the Financial Regulation² in combination with the proposed sector-specific rules, would require the collection of information on beneficial owners³ under all management modes. The Commission proposal for the National and Regional Partnership Plans Regulation⁴ requires the Member States to collect data on beneficial owners of beneficiaries, including farmers (natural or legal persons). Therefore, data on beneficial owners of farms which are subsidiaries or transnational arrangements would be collected by Member States based on the Commission's proposal.

For the future CAP rules, the Commission considers that support should go to the farmers whose principal activity is agriculture. Under the Commission's proposal for the CAP, in addition to the eligibility linked to the agricultural activity, the total annual amount of degressive area-based income support would be reduced for payments exceeding EUR 20 000 and capped at EUR 100 000 per farmer per year.

These provisions, as proposed by the Commission, address the risk that income support will go to entities whose principal business activity is not farming. The proposal is currently under negotiation by co-legislators.

¹ Article 59 (4) and Article 98 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02021R2116-20260101>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R2509&qid=1782306972219>.

³ Beneficial owners are defined in Article 3(6) of the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0565&qid=1781540097949>, Article 63(1)(iv).