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**Priority question for written answer P-003196/25
to the Commission
Marta Wcisło (PPE)
(6 August 2025)**

Subject: Call for EU support for Polish farmers affected by natural disasters and losses in agriculture

Spring and summer 2025 have brought violent storms and intense rainfall and hail to Lublin province and other provinces in eastern Poland, causing extensive flooding that has led to significant crop losses. Extreme weather events are becoming increasingly common, which requires support mechanisms to be more streamlined and predictable.

1. Is the Commission planning to act on the request submitted by the Polish Minister for Agriculture for emergency relief for flood damage and to mobilise adequate funds from the EU's crisis reserve, the current EU Common Agricultural Policy reserve, which amounts to EUR 450 million annually, in order to provide immediate support to Polish farmers that have been affected by the latest extreme weather events -before the Unity Safety Net reserve starts to apply after 2027 — and what is the maximum amount that could realistically be allocated to Poland from this reserve?
2. Is the Commission considering temporarily extending crisis mechanisms available under the current CAP — e.g. through national partnership plans or additional national reserves — that could bridge the gap between the current reserve and the upcoming Unity Safety Net, especially when losses are local, significant and affect the EU's food security?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
(3 September 2025)**

The Commission is aware of the occurrence of the events referred by the Honourable Member that have affected certain agricultural sectors and producers. It has received the information provided by the Polish Minister for Agriculture on the impact of these events.

The Commission is currently analysing this information and will take a decision once the assessment is completed. If justified, the Commission will adopt the necessary measures to provide emergency financial support for the affected sectors and producers.

The total amount available will take into account, in particular, the weight of Poland in the Union's agricultural sector, as well as the impact of the adverse climatic events.

In order to complement the current support from the agricultural reserve, the Commission has proposed a new type of crisis payments for farmers as part of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) simplification package adopted on 14 May 2025 ⁽¹⁾.

If adopted by the co-legislators, it will allow the Member States to compensate severe production losses following natural disasters, adverse climatic events or other catastrophic events, funded through the CAP Strategic plans by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund and/or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, possibly with additional national financing. The proposal is currently subject to the ordinary legislative procedure.

These two instruments would provide a comprehensive framework for crisis management until the Unity Safety Net is agreed upon the legislators and becomes effective with the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0236&qid=1755522787846>.