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1. Under the recently adopted simplification package of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)¹, Member States may amend their CAP Strategic Plans to introduce crisis payments for farmers affected by natural disasters, adverse climatic events or catastrophic events, subject to formal recognition of the natural disaster and the applicable loss threshold. Similarly, Member States would also be able to provide crisis support under their future National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs) in the period 2028-2034, as proposed by the Commission.
2. Both the current CAP² and the support proposed under the NRPPs in the period 2028-2034, provide Member States with a range of tools supporting farmers to prevent climate change related crises and build up medium and long-term resilience. For mitigating short-term impacts, the available tools include direct payments, which represent the biggest share of the CAP budget and stabilise farmers' incomes, risk management tools providing compensation to farmers affected by adverse events and investments in restoration of production potential. Support is also available for preventive investments.
3. The Commission does not have concrete evidence linking environmental regulations with profitability and investment opportunities of family-run fruit farms. However, the recent European Climate Risk Assessment³ provides evidence of increasing yield losses due to climate change in recent years that are expected to further increase due to enduring drought and long-term water scarcity, thereby impacting the competitiveness of EU farming. The Vision for Agriculture and Food⁴ provides a roadmap for a competitive agricultural sector that is resilient in the face of climate change.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2025/2649 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards the conditionality system, types of intervention in the form of direct payment, types of intervention in certain sectors and rural development and annual performance reports and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards suspensions of payments, annual performance clearance and controls and penalties, PE/49/2025/REV/1 (OJ L, 2025/2649, 31.12.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2649/oj>).

² ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2115/oj>.

³ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/analysis/publications/european-climate-risk-assessment>.

⁴ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/overview-vision-agriculture-food/vision-agriculture-and-food_en.