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**Priority question for written answer P-002194/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Support for farmers affected by fertiliser price rises

For months on end, we have been facing a fertiliser crisis which could seriously affect agricultural production this year and in 2027. The Commission's new plan to ensure the supply of fertilisers and food security in the EU sounds good in the medium term, but does not solve the problem in agriculture now.

Strengthening internal production is the lasting solution, and in this regard, Romania must be supported in its endeavour to restart production at the Azomureş plant. But this solution, which is itself a partial one, will take time.

Romanian farmers are already experiencing the biggest rise in the price of fertilisers in Europe. Unfortunately, we have seen larger increases than any other Member State, with prices being 16.8% higher in the final quarter of 2025 than at the end of 2024. That is twice the EU average increase.

This makes it urgently necessary to mobilise the EU budget to strengthen the agricultural reserve.

What timeframe, what amount and what eligibility criteria does the Commission envisage for the financial support package it has promised for farmers?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
(8 July 2026)**

The Commission recognises the pressure EU and Romanian farmers face due to high fertiliser costs, which are also impacted by the geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

The Commission is working on multiple fronts to support farmers. On 29 April 2026 the Commission adopted a temporary framework for state aid ⁽¹⁾ to support the most exposed sectors, including the primary production of agricultural products.

On 19 May 2026 the Commission adopted a Fertiliser Action Plan ⁽²⁾, which includes both short-term and longer-term structural measures, to reduce import dependency, boost domestic production and provide targeted support to farmers, while remaining aligned with the EU's climate and environmental objectives.

The Commission has also put forward on 12 June 2026 a targeted Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) package enabling Member States to make maximum use of support available under the current CAP strategic plans, including a proposal for liquidity support, more flexible advance payments and an adjustment of direct payments for calendar year 2027.

Looking ahead, the Commission has prepared an exceptional support package for European farmers facing high fertiliser and other input costs through the agricultural reserve.

This package, to be presented in mid-July, will offer immediate liquidity relief for farmers ahead of the next production cycle and help sustain agricultural production.

In parallel, work is ongoing on structural solutions to reduce EU dependencies.

⁽¹⁾ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/2593/oj>.

⁽²⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=comnat:COM_2026_0310_FIN.