

**Question for written answer E-001976/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Common agricultural policy subsidies for coriander producers in Occitania

At a time when the sowing season has already started, producers of coriander in the Occitania region in France have been displeased to learn, by means of an order of the regional prefect, that common agricultural policy subsidies, including those for the organic sector, would be subject to a particularly strict cap: EUR 2 700 per holding for applications including the crop code 'AAR-précision 004 coriandre, cumin'. EUR 20 000 per holding had originally been budgeted for that subsidy, and farmers based their investments on that figure.

That cap is seriously harmful to coriander producers in the Occitania region. It seems all the more unjustified and incomprehensible given that coriander production has shot up in France recently (from 1 850 hectares to 3 520 hectares between 2019 and 2020, an increase of 81 %). What is more, markets in France and the other Member States of the European Union are currently gaining ground back, including in the light of the state of affairs in Ukraine.

Will the Commission reconsider its position and propose a significant increase to the subsidy cap for this year?

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