

## Programme of the European Commission for 1991: extracts on the common agricultural policy

**Caption:** In January 1991, the European Commission presents its programme for the current year to the European Parliament and focuses particularly on the question of the reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP).

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1. The Commission thinks it right to present its programme to Parliament this year in a form which concentrates on the major policy objectives which the two institutions have in common.

[...]

4. The programme does not start from scratch: a certain number of the priorities are already widely accepted or represent a continuation of measures already planned or launched. The total number of priorities is high and in the interests of efficiency must not be allowed to escalate. The Commission draws attention in particular to the following important items.

[...]

(vii) 1991 for the Commission will also be a year of taking stock, of assessing the main components of the 1988 reform package - system of own resources, application of the Interinstitutional Agreement, reform of the structural Funds, the common agricultural policy - with a view to producing a blueprint for 1993 and beyond.

[...]

24. This is also true of the common agricultural policy, which must be reshaped to take account of developments: far-reaching changes to the common market organizations to gear them more closely to the objectives assigned to the agricultural policy and to correct certain imbalances; rural development aspect, which will take account of the special part played by farmers - particularly in terms of the interface between agriculture and the environment; realignment of support for farmers to reflect the diversity of farm and production structures. This reform must be such as to strengthen the Community's position in the Uruguay Round.

[...]