



WE ARE FACING A CRISIS IN FARMING AND NATURE!

Today, the European Union's
Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is ...



**DESTROYING
OUR ENVIRONMENT**



**PERPETUATING A MYTH
THAT WE NEED TO PRODUCE MORE
FOOD IN EUROPE TO FEED THE WORLD**



**PUTTING FARMERS
OUT OF BUSINESS**



77% OF EUROPEAN CITIZENS WANT MORE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO CAP PAYMENTS

NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE



THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY - THE LARGEST PART OF THE EU BUDGET -

Agricultural policy costs

€57.7
BILLION
ANNUALLY

=



OF THE ENTIRE
EU BUDGET

People pay for their food up to 3 times...

IN SUBSIDIES

2

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
CLEAN-UP

3

1
IN THE
STORE

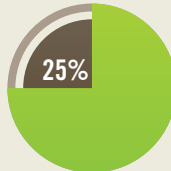


Every Household

The average European household contributes € 277 per year or € 1,939 between 2007-2013.

75% of the agricultural budget is spent on direct subsidies, awarded to farmers with very few conditions attached.

The remaining 25% of the agricultural budget is spent on conditional and more effective subsidies for rural development.



FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS, CAP HAS HELPED ACCELERATE THE ONSET OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT ...



The agri-food industry contributes over 29% of EU greenhouse gas emissions

In rural areas, the **populations** of about ...



of plants



of insects



of farmland birds

... have disappeared.

The **water footprint of agricultural products** contributes by far the **largest fraction** of the total water footprint of EU27+1

Home - 114 liters

Industry - 207 liters

3,100L

Agriculture

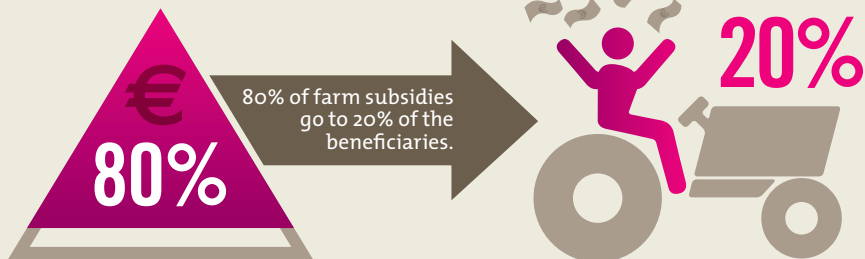
The **cost of soil degradation** is estimated at

€38
BILLION
ANNUALLY

VOTE  FOR
CHANGE

EUROPE'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY HAS FAILED TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTALLY-RESPONSIBLE FARMERS

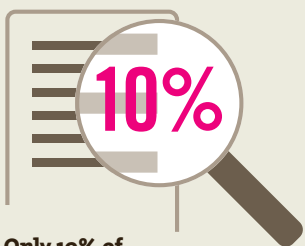
Europe's agricultural policy **mostly supports big agri-food industry...**



One farmer goes **OUT OF BUSINESS** every minute in Europe.



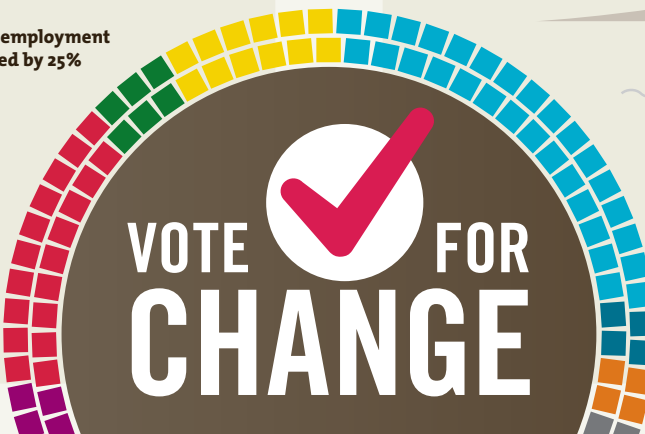
Do you know **who is being paid EU farm subsidies?**



Only 10% of beneficiary names are public

3.7 Over the last 10 years, **employment in farming has dropped by 25%** with an overall loss of

3.7 MILLION JOBS



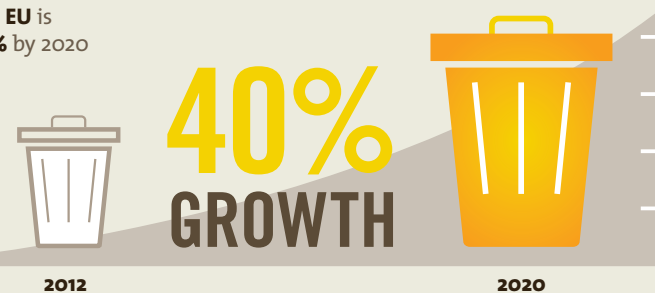
FOOD SECURITY INSIDE THE EU AND IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD DOES NOT RELY ON CAP

Annually **90 million tonnes** of food, or **179kg per person**, or **50% of all edible and healthy food** is wasted in EU households, supermarkets, restaurants and along the food supply chain.



And **food wastage in the EU** is expected to **grow by 40%** by 2020

while **16 million Europeans** depend on **food aid** from charitable institutions



Europe does not have to **FEED THE WORLD** It needs to help developing countries become **SELF SUFFICIENT**



HERE'S HOW EUROPE CAN CHANGE THIS DESTRUCTIVE COURSE

*We urge all Members of the European Parliament, to vote for **a true reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)**, that stops wasting taxpayers' money on a policy that is responsible for the disappearance of essential biodiversity from our countryside and does little for rural employment.*

REJECT ILLEGAL DOUBLE SUBSIDIES, PROPOSED BY THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD PAY FARMERS TWICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE SAME ACTIVITY:

The Agriculture Committee proposes the same environmental measures to be subsidised twice: under Pillar 2 (Rural Development) and ALSO under Pillar 1 (Direct Payments). Such illegal double funding cannot be defended by the plenary.

SUPPORT HIGH NATURE VALUE AND ORGANIC FARMING SYSTEMS:

The Agriculture Committee failed to provide much-needed support for High Nature Value and organic farming systems. These farmers play a crucial part in protecting the natural environment and supporting rural economies. Therefore these farmers need a specific thematic sub-programme that brings together support for all rural development measures relevant to these farming systems.

ENSURE ALL FARMERS UNDERTAKE GOOD FARMING PRACTICES, RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN RETURN FOR CAP DIRECT SUBSIDIES (SO-CALLED 'GREENING'):

The Agriculture Committee significantly watered down the Commission's mandatory greening package to a voluntary system where Member States can replace the three common farming practices with weaker measures. The Agriculture Committee also exempts a large proportion of farmers from 'greening' altogether.

REINTRODUCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMERS TO COMPLY WITH EU LAWS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, FOOD SAFETY, ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN RECEIVING EU SUBSIDIES:

Around half of these existing requirements have been watered down or entirely deleted by the Agriculture Committee, resulting in a weakening of the "cross-compliance" mechanism. The Agriculture Committee has also rejected the inclusion of environmental legislation such as the Water Framework and Pesticides Directives, and public health measures such as the ban on hormones. De facto, The Agriculture Committee does not want to take subsidies away from farmers when breaking the law.



STOP THE CRISIS!

START SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-RESPONSIBLE FARMERS.