

FLASH EUROBAROMETER NO 85 (Common Agricultural Policy)

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**Good morning/afternoon. I am from Irish Marketing Surveys Limited.
We are conducting a survey in the 15 countries of the European Union concerning agriculture in Europe.**

1. Not everybody shares the same point of view concerning the importance of European agriculture and the rural world for our future. Personally, do you think this subject is:

- very important 1 (40)
- important 2
- not very important, or 3
- of very little importance for our future ? 4
- (DK/NA) 5

2. The European Union has been dealing with agricultural issues for a long time. Have you seen or heard anything about its action, the «Common Agricultural Policy» or the «Agricultural Common Market» ?
[READ OUT]

- (41)
- yes: « Common Agricultural Policy » 1 **[GO TO Q.3]**
- yes: « Agricultural Common Market » 2 **[GO TO Q.3]**
- yes: about its actions (but no particular reference) 3 **[GO TO Q.3]**
- no: nothing at all 4 **[GO TO Q.6]**
- (DK/NA) 5 **[GO TO Q.6]**

3. The Agricultural policy of the European Union applies to farmers but also concerns consumers, the environment and the food-processing industry.

Personally, would you say that the European agricultural policy as a whole is:

- very favourable 1
 - favourable 2
 - unfavourable, or 3
 - very unfavourable 4
 - (neither favourable, nor unfavourable) 5
 - (DK/NA) 6
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- a) to farmers in general? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (42)
 - b) to consumers? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (43)
 - c) to the environment in the countryside? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (44)
 - d) to the food-processing industry? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (45)

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As you know, the European Union has been dealing for a long time with agricultural issues.

4a. In your opinion, what is the proportion of agricultural expenditure in the total budget of the European Union? Do you think it is now: ...

- (46)
- less than 1/3, 1
 - 1/3, 2
 - half, 3
 - 2/3, or 4
 - more than 2/3 of the total budget of the European Union? 5
 - (DK/NA) 6

4b. What percentage of total public expenditure, that is the expenditure of the Member States and the European Union taken together, is devoted to agriculture?

- (47)
- less than 3%, 1
 - from 3% to 10%, 2
 - from 10% to 30%, 3
 - from 30% to 50% 4
 - more than 50% of the total public expenditure? 5
 - (DK/NA) 6

5. Would you say that the budgets allocated at the moment to the European agricultural policy are: ...

- (48)
- insufficient, 1
 - correct or 2
 - too high? 3
 - (DK/NA) 4

[TO ALL]

6. In your opinion, should the European Union:

- yes, or 1
- no 2
- (DK/NA) 3

use its agricultural policy to: ...

- a) ensure stable and adequate incomes for farmers? 1 2 3 (49)
- b) make European agriculture more competitive on world markets? 1 2 3 (50)
- c) help farmers to adapt their production to consumers' expectations? 1 2 3 (51)
- d) defend farmers' interests in their dealings with intermediaries and distributors? 1 2 3 (52)
- e) favour and improve life in the countryside? 1 2 3 (53)
- f) reduce development disparities between regions? 1 2 3 (54)
- g) encourage the diversification of agricultural products and activities? 1 2 3 (55)
- h) favour methods of organic production? 1 2 3 (56)
- i) promote the respect of the environment? 1 2 3 (57)
- j) protect the taste and the specificity of European agricultural products? 1 2 3 (58)
- k) protect medium or small sized farms? 1 2 3 (59)
- l) ensure that agricultural products are healthy and safe ? 1 2 3 (60)

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[ONLY IF CODE 1, 2, 3 "YES" TO Q.2]

7. And would you say the current interventions of the European Union's agricultural policy play their role:
- rather well, or..... 1
 - rather badly to:..... 2
 - (DK/NA)..... 3
- a) ensure stable and adequate incomes for farmers? 1 2 3 (61)
- b) make European agriculture more competitive on world markets?..... 1 2 3 (62)
- c) help farmers to adapt their production to consumers' expectations?..... 1 2 3 (63)
- d) defend farmers' interests in their dealings with intermediaries and distributors?... 1 2 3 (64)
- e) favour and improve life in the countryside? 1 2 3 (65)
- f) reduce development disparities between regions? 1 2 3 (66)
- g) encourage the diversification of agricultural products and activities? 1 2 3 (67)
- h) favour methods of organic production? 1 2 3 (68)
- i) promote the respect of the environment? 1 2 3 (69)
- j) protect the taste and the specificity of European agricultural products?..... 1 2 3 (70)
- k) protect medium or small sized farms?..... 1 2 3 (71)
- l) ensure that agricultural products are healthy and safe?..... 1 2 3 (72)
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[TO ALL]

8. The agricultural policy of the European Union subsidises less and less agricultural products. On the other hand, it grants more funds for the protection and development of the overall rural economy and in direct support to farmers. Do you think that this development is: ...
- (73)
- a very good thing..... 1
 - a good thing..... 2
 - a bad thing, or..... 3
 - a very bad thing? 4
 - (DK/NA)..... 5
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Several countries are now negotiating their membership and could soon join the European Union.

[READ OUT]

- 9.a. Have you heard anything about these enlargement negotiations and do you feel sufficiently informed of their possible consequences, in particular for our agriculture?
- (74)
- heard about and sufficiently informed of the consequences..... 1
 - heard about but not sufficiently informed of the consequences 2
 - no, not heard about these negotiations 3
 - (DK/NA)..... 4

[IF CODE 1 OR 2 "HEARD ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS" IN Q.9.a]

- 9.b. If new countries joined the European Union, what consequences would you expect it to have for our agricultural farms:
- (75)
- very positive 1
 - rather positive..... 2
 - rather negative, or..... 3
 - very negative? 4
 - (one as much as the other) 5
 - (DK/NA)..... 6
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10. In Geneva, a new series of discussions has started at the World Trade Organisation on international trade and customs duty.

10.a. Have you heard anything about these discussions and do you feel sufficiently informed of their positive or negative consequences, in particular for our agriculture?

[READ OUT] (76)

- heard about and sufficiently informed of the consequences..... 1
- heard about but not sufficiently informed of the consequences 2
- no, not heard anything about these discussions..... 3
- (DK/NA)..... 4

[IF CODE 1 OR 2 "HEARD ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS" IN Q.10.a]

10.b. If these discussions should lead to new world trade regulations, what consequences would you expect it to have for agricultural farms:

(77)

- very positive 1
- rather positive 2
- rather negative, or 3
- very negative ? 4
- (one as much as the other) 5
- (DK/NA)..... 6

11. Let's go back now to Europe. Would you wish that in Ireland we heard about agricultural issues:

(78)

- more often 1
- less often, or 2
- neither more, nor less often than now?..... 3
- (DK/NA) 4

12. Do you wish to have more information on the following topics :

[READ OUT – SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]

- a) agri-environmental issues, 1 (79)
- b) rural development, 1 (80)
- c) the working of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy)? 1 (81)

13. Where do you get information on the European Union and its agricultural policy, is it from: ...

[READ OUT – SEVERAL POSSIBLE ANSWERS]

- a) the television, 1 (82)
- b) the radio, 1 (83)
- c) the daily newspapers, 1 (84)
- d) magazines, 1 (85)
- e) specialised documentation like brochures or prospectus, 1 (86)
- f) word of mouth, 1 (87)
- g) Internet? 1 (88)
- h) (other sources) [SPECIFY:...]..... 1 (89)
- i) (nothing, none) 1 (90)
- j) (DK/NA)..... 1 (91)

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14. In forming your own opinion on the agricultural policy of the European Union, which sources do you trust:

- yes..... 1
- no..... 2
- (DK/NA)..... 3

- a) journalists..... 1..... 2..... 3 (92)
- b) farmers themselves 1..... 2..... 3 (93)
- c) agricultural specialists and experts 1..... 2..... 3 (94)
- d) our government..... 1..... 2..... 3 (95)
- e) European Institutions 1..... 2..... 3 (96)
- f) agricultural trade unions 1..... 2..... 3 (97)
- g) consumers' and environment protection associations, etc. 1..... 2..... 3 (98)
- h) family and friends 1..... 2..... 3 (99)
- i) (other reliable sources) [SPECIFY:.....] 1..... 2..... 3 (100)
- j) (other unreliable sources) [SPECIFY:.....] 1..... 2..... 3 (101)
- k) (DK/NA) 1..... 2..... 3 (102)

[END INTERVIEW, THANK THE RESPONDENT]

Classification Details

<p>SEX: Male 1 (30) Female 2</p> <p>AGE: (Record Exact Age) (31-32) <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer</p> <p>EDUCATION: How old were you when you finished your full-time education? (Record Exact Age) Use code '99' if respondent still at full-time school Use code '00' if respondent refuses to answer Use code '01' if never went to full-time school <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px;" type="text"/></p> <p>REGION: Dublin 1 (37-38) Rest of Leinster 2 Munster 3 Conn/Ulster 4</p> <p>TYPE OF LOCALITY: Metropolitan zone 1 (39) Other town/urban centre 2 Rural zone 3</p>	(30)	(31-32)	(33-34)	(37-38)	(39)	<p>WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?</p> <p><i>Self Employed</i> Farmer, Fisherman01 (35-36) Professional (Lawyer, Practitioner etc.)02 Owner of shop or company, Craftsman, Proprietor03</p> <p><i>Employed</i> General Management04 Employed, Middle Management05 Manual Worker06</p> <p><i>Not in paid employment</i> Retired07 Housewife08 Student09 Temporarily not working/unemployed10 Other11 Refused12</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Length of Interview <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> ... Mins (9-10)</p>	(35-36)	(9-10)
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