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# Agricultural policy in the EU of 2050

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# A GLANCE INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE





# CURRENT CAP MECHANISMS

- Single farm payments  
(decoupled = 90% in 2011 – 100% for milk)
- Modulation
- Cross compliance
- Budget discipline
- Rural development
- Quality



# INTERNATIONAL FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE POLICY

- International trade agreements
- Role of developing countries
- Other agricultural forces: Brazil, Argentina, Thailand, New Zealand, etc.
- Economic growth of China. Potential major demand



# DOMESTIC FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCE POLICY

- Size of EU 2050
- Civil Society concerns (environment, animal welfare)
- Budget
- Non agricultural rural priorities



# OTHER FACTORS

- Population
- Research
- Climate



# PREDICTIONS AND QUESTIONS

- Defendability of agricultural payments in 2050
- Businessmen with income aid ?
- Rural development or cohesion ?
- Payments to farmers for « services »
- EU role in world
- Food safety / Quality / Self sufficiency
- Consumption preferences (meat ?)
- Distribution systems
- Land use

