



EU agricultural policy developments with effects on the hazelnut sector

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Current hot topics

Long-term developments:

- The EU's budget (MFF) for the years 2028-2034
- Proposals for the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

A time for big
decisions!

Coming up soon:

- Simplification omnibus: to boost the competitiveness of the European agriculture by cutting red tape, supporting farmers, encouraging innovation and boosting productivity.

In implementation:

- Revised marketing standards (incl. for hazelnuts)

The EU's budget 2028-2034 for a resilient, competitive and sustainable EU agriculture

- Income support for EU farmers is guaranteed until 2034
- All current CAP instruments and policy tools are preserved
- Agriculture and rural areas will gain from various funding opportunities and synergies with other policy areas

Key milestones:

- July-September 2025: The European Commission presents its proposals for the 2028-2034 MFF.
- Late 2025 - 2026: Negotiations on the MFF and associated own resources take place between the Member States and the European Parliament.
- End of 2026: The political objective is to reach an agreement on the MFF and own resources package.
- 2027: The final MFF regulation and sectoral acts are adopted.
- January 1, 2028: The new MFF enters into force.

The CAP 2028–2034 **proposal**: fairer, better targeted income support for farmers

Fairer:

- Payments based on eligible hectares but with degressivity (gradually reducing payments for larger farms; capping of payments at EUR 100 000 per farm per year).

Better targeted:

- Prioritising those whose main livelihood is agriculture. By 2032, pensioners will no longer be eligible, allowing younger farmers to enter or expand in the sector.

Support for specific needs:

- the proposal allows Member States to use coupled income support and area-specific payments to assist farms in disadvantaged or mountainous areas and those with mixed crop–livestock operations.

A specific case: Revised marketing standards

Revision of 2 Regulations has started to apply from 1.1.2025:

- Delegated Regulation 2023/2429 for marketing standards;
- Implementing Regulation 2023/2430 for the control of the compliance with the marketing standards.

The main element relevant to hazelnuts is the **compulsory indication of the origin**.

AGRINFO – information on agri-food policy changes

- An online information service on evolving EU policies, regulations and standards with potential impacts on agri-food value chains.
- Clear summaries for trade partners about the “what, why, and when” of recent and upcoming changes, and actions needed to adjust to new rules.
- An easy-to-search, open-access website presenting:
 - summaries of recent changes
 - explainers and background information, with links to EU information sources
 - potential impacts of changes for AGRINFO partners and the actions they need to take.

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