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ORAL QUESTION (0-43/74)

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by Mr. GIBBONS on behalf of the Group of  
European Progressive Democrats

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Current plight of the farming Community

1. Is the Commission aware

- a) that prices being paid for store cattle in certain regions of the Community are totally uneconomic and have been so for almost a year ?
- b) that beef cattle in these regions can not be sold even at 80 % of intervention prices ?
- c) that in the past year all other producer costs, fertilizer, fuel, machinery, labour etc. have risen sharply ?
- d) that farmers' credit is now dearer and harder to get than formerly ?

2. What immediate and effective measures does the Commission propose to introduce to correct the situation ?

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