



Title: AM-14-1 to B-R6: Transitioning to sustainable and resilient farming systems in Europe

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Draft text

From line 13 to 18:

payments contribute to locking farmers into a size rationalisation that both promotes and forces the unsustainable expansion of production and ~~specialisation in order to achieve profitability. This often involves large investments and the risk of sunken costs making it difficult to change direction. Farms of all sizes should be able to live off their produce without having to repeatedly expand or make expensive investments.~~ industrialisation in order to achieve profitability. This often involves large investments and the risk of sunken costs making it difficult to change direction. "Farm policies should take sustainability, farmer's income and resilience as its core goals. These policies can no longer be designed to lock farmers in to aimless expansion and industrialization at the cost of farmers' own economic security, and at the cost of the planet, our health and animal wellbeing."

Explanation / Comment

First amendment: specialization in agriculture is unnecessarily given a negative connotation here. There are also highly specialized forms of agriculture that contribute to sustainability, such as agroforestry.

Second amendment: we should not claim that farms of *any* size should be profitable, because that does not make sense economically. We believe the suggested sentence expresses the reasoning behind this statement better.